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Francis D. Flood
February 7, 1952

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
The Library
Feb. 7, 1952.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter. Yes we could use Turner's book on the R.C.M.P.
Thanks a lot.

As for annotations, they are very nice and I would be glad to get them. As long as you have lots of time it is o.k.

That covers that so now I will ask your advice. I am trying to get more room for next year. Possibly the hall between the high school & college library for stacks. If that works out I was thinking seriously of changing over to L.C. I have only a hazy idea of the L.C. system. What books (schedules, etc.) would we need? Is it best to use the Catholic classification or can one use the straight L.C.? What do you think of that? I thought I might try to go up to U of M for a while & check into their cataloging departments. Would that be necessary or advisable? Of course it might mean an extra vacation, etc. I also thought of opening the library from 8:30 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. during the week and on Saturday morning but to do this & do a lot of work on

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February 7, 1952

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periodicals & clipping file, etc., I think I would need another librarian. I believe I could get a real bright one that wants to quit Windsor Public with McGill Library School training. If we get university status we will have to do a lot on our library. With present staff we are just able to keep up bare essentials & have an awful time when some are sick. Of course, I can always ask for a lot & maybe get some of it but this is the time to make demands, I think. Don't say anything about this.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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Francis D. Flood
April 30, 1952

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
The Library
April 30, 1952.

Dear Bob:

Well I never get Sunday off & what's it like?

I did go through 30 or 40 books yesterday with L.C. cards. I was able to see how they arrived at things most of the time but I would only have put them in the same place by chance or coincidence. As for the Cutter numbers — they work sometimes & other times they don't especially the Mc; they must have more to go on than you gave me. What about things that are not completed in the L.C. schedules & you have no cards from L.C.? They are teaching it this summer at U of M, I believe. I understand they just use the regular Cutter tables in Detroit, 2 figures i.e. at the Rackham Building. I have another 50 books that are all Catholic ones & I feel I should get at the Lynn & see if I can make any sense to it. I don't suppose you will be using the one at the College these days as you can get some of your assistants to type up a new one. I don't like these new religious books to sit around all summer. I think we will get some more room but what I don't know

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yet. However I would like to get some steel stacks if possible. Fr. Wood feels it is much more expensive in the long run since it is hard to get wood & carpenter rates, etc. & we would have the advantage of moving them around. What is the company that did yours? Do they keep them in stock or do you have to order them? I wish you would come down here for retreat (it is open). Yoy might be able to help me with the arrangements. I hope we know before then what we are going to get for next year. Fr. McCorkell was supposed to come back & settle things but he didn't. The difficulty is because of the change in administration. No one wants to make a decision. Of course Fr. Brown is dead set against us expanding on the same floor which we want. So at present there is nothing being done. What size steel stacks should we order, etc. Well I will quit now & this will give you more questions to answer. Best wishes.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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Francis D. Flood
May 7, 1952

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
The Library
May 7, 1952

Dear Bob:

Say I just thought that I forgot to mention about the O.L.A. conference in my letter. I think I will go probably Sunday evening. I thought of staying at the Seminary or maybe Brescia Hall tho they just have a chaplain's room & no doubt it is filled. We are in a worse state of flux here now than before in regard to the library situation. I will give you the dope when I see you at the Conference. Chess is the big game here now & so far the Superior is champ.

So long & best wishes

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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Francis D. Flood
May 28, 1952

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
The Library
May 28, 1952

Dear Bob:

After arriving back and hearing a few things that happened on Monday & Tuesday I went to see O'Loane & LeBel and got all the information. I guess it was finally decided to make a change here but by the time they did Rochester had hired a librarian. So I don't know at present what is in store for me. Gus will be here next week & I will know more then. From what LeBel said it was not personal to him at all but he talked it over with the members of the Charter Committee & they thought a change would be good for the library. The L.C. is out for the time being with me. Well there isn't much to say except it is a little tough but I thought I would let you know.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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Francis D. Flood
October 3, 1952

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St. John Fisher College
Library
Rochester 18, New York
Robert Henry Flood, C.S.N., M.L.S.
Director of Library
Oct. 3, 1952

Dear Bob:

I heard that you were coming down for the celebration. How about getting permission to stay over for a day or so and give us some pro advice on some of the problems of classification and subject headings. So far we have no Lynn at all. I was thinking of looking at Kapsner for subject headings but it is o.p. The girl at U of R told me to be very slow to make changes in L.C. as they have all kinds of difficulties where they made changes before, e.g. they use Roman Catholic & all cards have to be changed. She said it is difficult for ones following. L.C. may make some changes on their subject heading in the future to conform to Catholic practice if they could get a good Cath. librarian & theologian to work there for a few years. Bob tells me Cath. U. makes very few changes now just stamping NC on non Cath. stuff where it would make a difference. I have a letter from the Texas girl giving me an idea what she is doing but it means nothing to me at present as I don't know the set-up.

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We have ordered the L.C. author cat. but not here yet. The schedules are slow coming. We ordered an L.C. Smith machine with 2 clips for cards in the elite type. U of R uses them & the girl said it is the only one. Meyer bought an Underwood electric but they have no satisfactory clips at all so we will not use it for cards. You might suggest a way of not ordering duplicate sets of cards. I have thought of one when we get the Ed. list by checking in the book when we order. You see some of the problems. I think we should make some decisions in the very near future as we will have a girl coming in to type then & I want to have a clear mind on what must be done. We are not going to use book cards, but just file the loan slip. Also dropping accession numbers but I am not sure of that. The girl at U of R thinks that would be a mistake. So you see we have a lot of problems where another head can help. I realize once a thing is started in a direction it is hard to change so it might be better to make fewer mistakes in starting, if at all possible. So now be sure and ask Fr. Orsini if you can stay a couple of days and give us some help as we need it.

From all accounts it was quite a celebration at St. Mikes and I heard that things went off very well. You might bring a few papers with you when you come as we did not get over. Can see

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October 3, 1952

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some of the publicity etc. We are having quite a supplement here in the Catholic paper of next week. I heard that Assumption is not changing to L.C. When I left she decided to do so but I guess in thinking it over she decided not to. Well I will close sending best regards to all.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, CSB

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Francis D. Flood
November 12, 1952

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St. John Fisher College
Library
Rochester 18, New York
Robert Henry Flood, C.S.B., M.L.S.
Director of Library
Nov. 12, 1952

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your list. It will come in handy. We are gradually getting some of the things we need. The typewriter finally came the other day so we have started getting some L.C. cards done. It seems it will be a slow process. The typist is not too good but can spell which is a help. I think it will be some time before I get any kind of a shelf-list so I will be able to use it in classification but suppose we will move along and make our share of mistakes. So far I haven't had the girl do any cards, I have written out & when that time comes it will be tougher.

Everything is going along pretty good here. I finally got done my few exam papers last week & decided after reading them to do a little more testing week by week just to get them in practice. Since it is getting late for golf I have started to bowl with the students & manage to put quite a few down the gutter. John Ruth went over once and made 131 in 2 games so when

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November 12, 1952

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the school paper came out he held up the list with an average of 65.5 I think I am up around 100 but not too good. We can only get 2 games in as we don't start till 4 p.m. & have to be back for supper at 5:30 p.m.

Give my best to all but I don't think we will make it for Thanksgiving altho some may but I haven't heard about it. Thanks.

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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September 5, 1953

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
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Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of a couple of days ago. Glad to know that you were down to the Conference & had a good time. I came back from my eastern trip with Don Faught last Monday & didn't get much done on Tuesday as it was a change from the life of the week before. The hot weather finally broke this morning & I felt like working so I have been in the library all afternoon arranging the summer's cataloging in order to get a list out this week. Actually we didn't get too many fully cataloged but have cards in for quite a few books that will be done in the fall. One lady did the typing and marking, pasting, etc. The trouble is she can do each operation better than any one else. She can also check the typing if someone else does it. I usually find 1 mistake every week or two in her work which is wonderful after what I have experienced in many of the others. We will send you a copy of our lists when printed. We want to get them out for the faculty meeting at the end of the week.

Actually John Janisse is not too bad at the classifying as I had him do some

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while he was here one morning. I gave him about 20 books that had to be changed from L.C. & he got them done in fair enough time. Of course I told him to just indicate what he thought best & then we would go over them. For the most part he was o.k.; on one book he came up with a better idea than I had. Of course he could go thru them since he knew he didn't have to make a final decision. That may be his trouble. However in the process of changing at A.C. he can steer clear of those except what new books they get & that shouldn't be too many. I find in our library I only change about 20% which would include a lot of PZ3 to PS or PR or PQ etc. I am sure he can keep Bill Dollar busy just changing old ones, etc. Let those on the desk and floor get the old cards out of the catalog etc. when not busy. I don't see where Bill would be in any position to make decisions in that regard without training.

I had a nice summer. I was home in July and the trip with Don just finished. During the rest of the summer I worked in the library in the mornings & sometimes in the afternoon. Played a few games of golf & had a little trip with Joe Timmons down to Auriesville & said Mass on the main altar of the shrine with the \$60,000 pilgrim's chalice. We may get another person to take the place

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September 5, 1953

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of the girl who left in June & if so should turn out a fair number of books this year. However there is getting to be more work of checking as we are running into lots of duplicates. I will be teaching the same course as last year, 3 hours a week but I have lots of books on the field now as you may notice if you look at the sociology group in the next list. Of course, I turned in a list to be ordered in June. I spent my spare time during retreat making out a bibliography so had it in shape to be among the first ordered in July. I have an idea of using the order sheet the faculty member used to mark call No. on it & give it back to him when the book is cataloged. This may help in case it is calssified out of his exact field. Fr. McGee showed up last night or I guess this morning. Regards to all & best wishes

Frank D. Flood, CSB

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October 12, 1953

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
Oct. 12, 1953.

Dear Bob:

Just thought I would drop a line to tell you that Father Frank Ruth had a slight heart attack yesterday and has been taken to the hospital. We received a copy of the list of Assumption's recent acquisitions and it seems they are going right ahead with the LC classification and have managed to turn out quite a few books recently. I imagine some of those are older ones that have been changed as I recognized a few from two years ago. Are they using Lynn for anything other than St. Thomas? I noticed other Catholic books in the regular LC schedule. We find putting the list out weekly much better as most of the staff look it over every week. It takes me about an hour to arrange it; it takes the lady about an hour to type it; Bob takes an hour to run it off and distribute it; so it is fairly well broken up. You can see why I don't do too much typing but the last couple of days I have been typing out my notes for lectures on this electric machining which I have on my desk and decided to write you on the same. I am teaching 2nd year theology which for the first term is the tract on creation till the end of the first part of the summa. The stu-

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dents use Farrell. I find it very interesting as I haven't read any since the Seminary days and many of those concepts are filed so far back in the brain that it is hard to bring them to the surface at times. I am also teaching the course on marriage that I had last year. Along with the cataloging that keeps me quite busy but it is most enjoyable. O yes I still give a course in Bridge 201 (6:00 - 7:30 p.m. nightly) to the confreres. It is a graduate course now. Regards to all

Frank.

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Francis D. Flood
May 10, 1954

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
May 10, 1954

Dear Bob:

I received your interesting note last week and glad to know that you feel you will have some success in getting an extra allotment for important sets. I always found that most libraries want more things than they can buy. Sorry to hear of Bernie Black being sick. I imagine the taking off of weight will be a help as he surely was very heavy. We are continuing to get a few processed each week and if we keep up for another year the most of the original collection will be finished. Of course we give first priority to new books as they come in.

I suppose you have heard of our election results by now. J. Onorato & I were tied with 5 apiece on the first ballot; he went ahead on the 2d & won easily on the 3rd. As a result of ballots for G.D. Sekins & others on the 1st balloting for alternate I won a majority with 7 out of 12 valid votes. So I don't expect to make it unless J.O. gets poisoned etc. I told him to watch out for any thing I might give him to eat or drink, etc. I suggested to Murphy that I go to the retreat at A.C. but as yet

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May 10, 1954

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don't know what will take place. Things are going along pretty well as we are getting near the end. I have 3 classes left in theology & 3 chapters to cover yet so I will be going right down to the wire. It is interesting tho & I enjoy my work here very much. Give my best to all.

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, C.S.B.

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Francis D. Flood
October 4, 1954

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
Oct. 4, 1954

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing some of the information you want. As for local news there isn't any of much note. (I bowled 489 yesterday which is an 163 average good for 10 pin.) Fr. McCorkell seems to be getting along o.k. His biggest worries now are how to teach some Chaucer to the boys & how to scan the lines. He said the last time he was teaching that George Flahiff was in the class. Classes were tough during the World Series but Cleveland had pity on us and got through in a hurry. I think Fr. Al. Malone is pretty near finished except for a couple of minor details but he hasn't received it yet.

Saying when are the "openings" at St. Mikes. Fr. Murphy never had any notice. Fr. McCorkell told me he thought something was doing on the 24th of Oct. but I am not sure just what he said. I put my bid in to get over but you never can tell. We, as of last Tuesday, had cataloged 15,703 titles & 17,748 volumes. I imagine we will slow down some now as there are more originals and they take longer. I am teaching 7 hours, 4 business

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October 4, 1954

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math & 3 hours statistics for Social
Sc. majors. All are well here. Had
a nice visit with Fr. Coughlin &
Flahiff when they were here. Best
regards to all.

Frank D. Flood, CSB

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Robert H. Flood
March 21, 1952

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St. John Fisher College
3690 East Avenue
Rochester 18, New York
March 21, 52

Dear Fr. S-

Thanks for note and acquisition list.
As you say, classification numbers are
interesting. Acquiring some French
books and English (modern poetry). Any
ideas on sources for Spanish & Italian
titles: John Onorato is singularly
useless in this matter.

Yes, ~~the~~is is here. So is degree in
sheepskin etc. All needed is a library.
Be glad to see acquisition lists of
College or Sem any time. Regards to
all —

Yours in Christ,

Bob Flood, CSB

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Frederick A. Black
Holy Thursday, 1952

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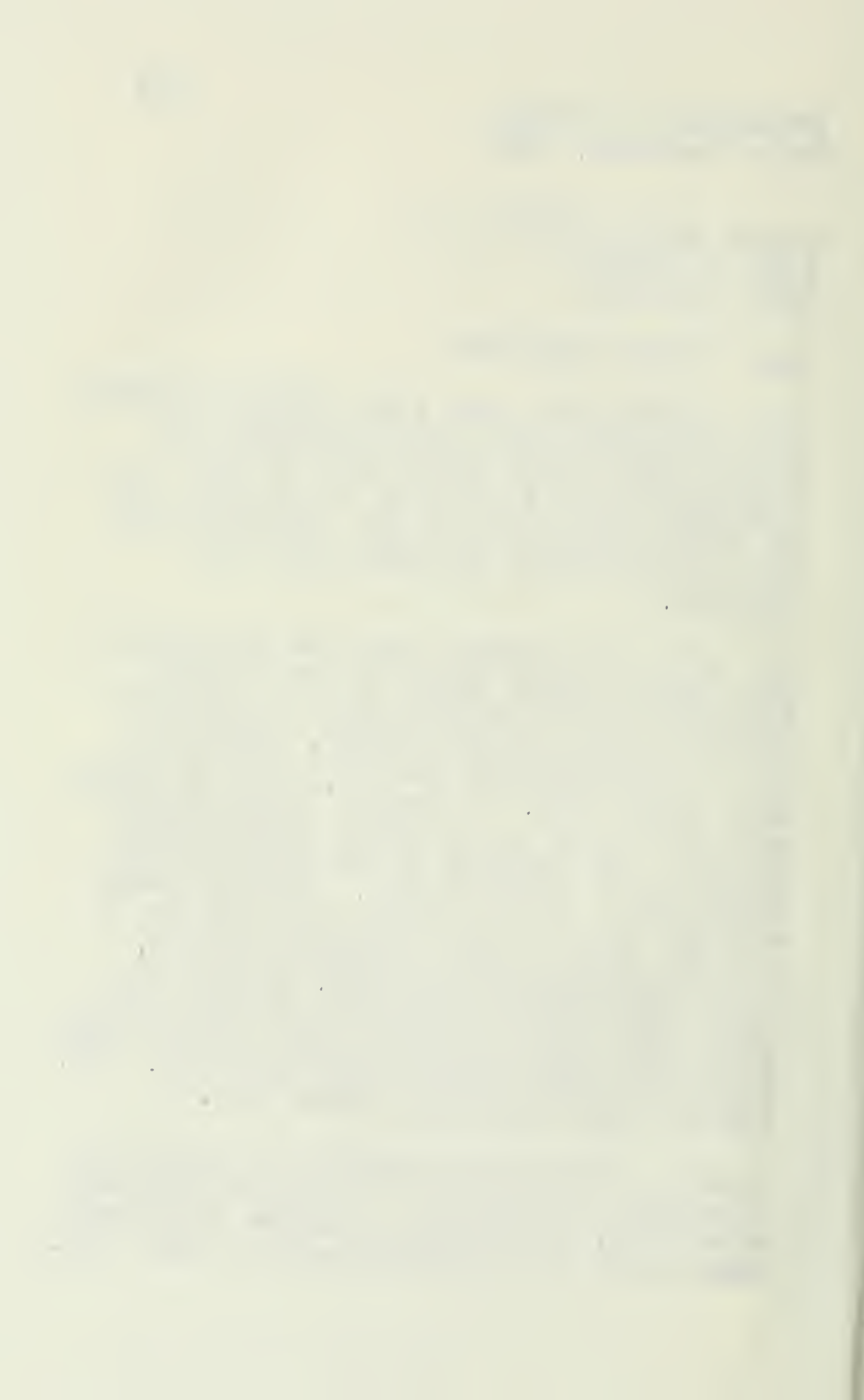
Quarr Abbey, Ryde
Isle of Wight
Holy Thursday

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for your very welcome letter of March 31st, and for the other one before it. It is very good to hear community news (and news of my old job at 999), and you have the gratitude of all the graduate students for your letters.

You have my sympathy for the pre-Easter job: after three hours or so in the hospital it is pretty nice to get out in the fresh air and relax, isn't it? And I congratulate you on your success with Dick Ward. I couldn't get to first base with him and I don't think Eddie Pappert (or Peppert as Charlie Thomas) calls him) could either. If Mrs. Kemp was the one I think she was, she was a convert against her family's wishes, with few Catholic friends, before she came into the hospital and I think the poor soul used to worry about what would happen on that score when she died. Fr. Perdue knew something about her.

Talking about the hospital, I received a parcel containing a beautiful ham the other day, sent from a London (England) address at the instructions of one "A.F.



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Holy Thursday, 1952

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Blake, Ontario" — and that as far as I know can only be Archy. I was very touched by his kindness and very grateful for the gift. I am sending him a letter today, addressed to 999. If by chance he is not there any more I suppose they will forward the letter.

As you can tell from the address I give above, I am spending these last few days of Holy Week at Quarr Abbey, and if you would like to see ceremonies done perfectly, this is the place to come. Even their plain chant is wonderful. Frank Monaghan would be really delighted. They are in the Solanes Congregation of the Benedictines and so are very close to the source.

Incidentally, when they got my letter from St. Benet's, some of them thought that the C.S.B. must be a slip for O.S.A. But one man thought otherwise and when I asked him where he'd heard of the Basilians (expecting to hear of some travelling confrere or of the Institute) he surprised me by referring to the school we used to have in Plymouth! That incidentally is something I must try and follow up while I am here, to see if there are any old boys around.

You don't need to worry about the Gallican rite as far as I am concerned. Oxford, you know is always 50 years

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years behind the times. And I am glad to hear S.M.C. is still buying English books. Very good library, that.

Best wishes

Fred Black.

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Frederick A. Black
April 14, 1953

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St. Benet's Hall, Oxford
Tuesday, Apr. 14 1953

Dear Fr. Scollard:

Many thanks for your letter. You of all the community need least to reproach yourself with writing oncfreeres only when you want something. Your page of news and acute Basilian commentary is very welcome whenever it appears with the Annals or anything else that leads you into communication with the graduate students. You have a very good reputation with the community-in-exile, especially with members like Walt and Mike and myself who have lots of sympathy and interest in the two libraries in your charge.

You will probably already have received No. 61 of the Life of the Spirit. The first six issues are no longer available. Di you consider the possibility of a small ad in one of the current issues. I wouldn't be surprised if some of the subscribers were methodical enough to collect copies, but would at the same time be glad to complete a set that would be in more permanent use than their copies, gathering dust on a shelf.

As for the Clergy Review, the publishers (Burns-Oates) tell me that they have no complete volumes, but they do have many

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April 14, 1953

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back numbers. It might be worth checking the St. Augustine's broken file to see what is missing, although I have a feeling that it would be pretty difficult to get a complete set if they are missing very many. I am glad to hear that you got the Seminary onto it; it often has useful material.

I am not very optimistic about Bañes. Blackwell's do not have it, although they have succeeding volumes of the same work. They are making inquiries. I couldn't find it in Parker's or any of the other stores here. Blackwell's are worth trying for a thing like that. They have a rather surprising quantity of foreign books, including odd second-hand ones. And both Blackwell's and Parker's have large second-hand sections devoted to English literature, etc. There always seem to be professors dying and their libraries put up for sale, or else students going broke and selling their books. There is quite a turnover, though. If you see a bargain on the shelves it is often gone next day. The second-hand section is also very large in books on Religion: at least in English. Catholic books appear there frequently too. I imagine often that they must have belonged to Parsons who later changed their minds and got lower.

Here is a foreign book that I saw the other day, incidentally, which should

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certainly be in either the Seminary or the College Library:

Jean Dagens: Bibliographie chronologique
de la littérature de
Spiritualité et des sources,
1501-1610. Desclée de
Brouwer, 1952.

It would be very enlightening for people studying quite a few different things to see the range of renaissance and patristic works published year by year through that century. You may have it already of course (or possibly the Institute) but I thought I would mention it just in case.

It is wonderful to hear about the progress of the Seminary Library. All that wing is probably as familiar to you now as the Priest's Flat was at S.M.C., but to me, who only saw it building, it still seems like the Promised Land. If your work there proves as beneficial to the seminarians as your work in S.M.C. did to the students, you will leave an even greater memorial than Scollard Park.

It is good to hear, too, of the new College building — it seems to have no name yet. From far-flung and varied sources I have been building up a picture of quite a nice place. I understand that very little happens there

Frederick A. Black
April 14, 1953

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that Eliot Allen doesn't see — see what I am missing, exiled in Oxford, banquets all one year and building the next.

I haven't seen the General yet, but I am expecting him in two or three weeks.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you over here. And say a prayer sometimes for me.

Yours in Dño

Fred Black, CSB

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Frederick A. Black
April 6, 1954

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St. Benet's Hall, Oxford
Tuesday April 6 1954

Dear Father Scollard,

I've been owing you a letter for a long long time. You don't know how much I appreciate the full page that comes from you whenever you have any communication to make as Annalist or Librarian of any one of your libraries. I think you have probably curried more favour among graduate students than any other confrere. The way you have of leaving just a bit between the lines makes your letters all the more interesting.

By now you will have the 2 volumes of Jerusalem by George Adam Smith — I think that's a good buy for the Seminary. I doubt if you'll ever have any difficulty spending whatever proportion of your budget you are going to devote to Scripture, at least while Terry is on the job.

I'm glad to hear that Bernard is doing all right as a librarian. I read his article, and I can see how Fr. McCorkell might not be frightfully interested. He regards librarians as a capitalist regards trade unions — they are only to be tolerated because you can't get along without them, but you've got to

Frederick A. Black
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watch them, because they're always out for more. As for myself, I won't offer any comment — except to say that I hope you keep up on the theory of librarianship "as developed by Jewett and Cutter and Dewey in former times or perhaps by Taube or Lubetzkey or Raganathan today."

The point you make in an earlier letter about the changed status of the Missions with regard to the Chapter is most interesting. I suppose the thing to do would have been to appoint another man there for the rest of the year — even if he had to be given leave of absence to finish this year someplace. Then he'd have no vote in his own house but the Missions would be solidly represented. I am certainly missing interesting times at home, what with all the banquets last year and the year before, all the building this year, and the chapter coming next summer. The letters from home tell us "no new rumours about the Chapter". But we don't even know the old rumours! At least I don't, being in a kind of backwater here as far as Europe is concerned. Ambrose will be home of course for the Chapter, and there will be a grand gathering of Basilians in Rome at Easter, but not me. I daresay there's lots of discussion of the French Basilians. If it would reassure anybody about some aspects

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of the situation you can tell them that if volunteers were asked to go to Annonay for a stretch, I would gladly head the list. But even for me there'd be a lot of things to get used to.

I am glad to get your occasional report on the Ontario Hospital. So even they are building! And the University Library as well, not to mention this extremely controversial — or so I gather — building at St. Mikes. I am beginning to wonder if there's anybody there whole heartedly in favour of it. However I don't really hear from an awful lot of people. I am also wondering what they'll use No. 10 for downstairs now.

Well Father, thank you once again for your very kind letters. Anything I can do for you here please let me know. It really is a good place to look for any kind of secondhand books and I won't be around very much longer — a thought that pleases me no end.

Sincerely yours in Chri

Fred Black

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J. Floyd Crowley
September 25, 1952

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St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
September 25, 1952.

Dear Bob,

Unlike Brother Matt, I still have some of \$120 coming to me. I am sure that Father Vincent Murphy, of happy memory, and may God rest his soul, would not approve.

I don't see why my letters to Matt could not be printed in the ANNALS. They sure would be different. After some thought, and I'm only capable of some, just let it go till the next chapter. I will never be canonized, and if those letters were published, I wouldn't even get Christian burial.

Here is something that can be printed in the Annals:-

Address — 2140 Westheimer Road,
Houston 6.

Phone——— Linden 3334.

Retreat Master, Rev. Athanasius Van
Noenan, O.P.

Dates of Retreat, June 2nd to 7th.

Degrees?? — 99 in the shade, highest
for the year.

Hours of Mass. Sunday, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 12:10

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And that is about it for this time Bob.
If I get a chance later I will write
you a real letter.

Sincerely yours

Floyd

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J. Floyd Crowley
September 18, 1953

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
<Sept. 18, 1953>

Dear Bob,

Yours received, and contents noted.
Can't say that anything startling is
happening in St. Anne's de Houston.

Father Joe Dillon is getting worse as
the days go by, and won't last long,
probably a month. Father O'Rourke is
back from the hospital, but still in
bed. A nurse (a graduate from the
school of experience) stays with him
by day, and the Fathers of St. Basil
take their turn sitting up with him
by night. Ferg doesn't approve of the
way the day nurse is handling the "Doc".
Ferg passed the door the other day about
five times, and every time he did, the
nurse was feeding the "Doc". That
threw Ferg into a hissey. His comment
was — Well that -----, she feeds him
all day long, and tonight is my turn to
sit up with him, and he will crap all
night long. You see Ferg has his likes
and dislikes, one of the latter being
swabbing bed pans.

Father Joe Pope seems to be fitting in
all right. He has a weird bunch to
live with, but he will simmer down

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eventually, and take things as they come — live a lot longer that-a-way.

I note that you have space for "Degrees received by Basilians in Local House". Fr. Pope went out riding a few days ago, and when he came back his face was as red as a spanked baby's ass. That night his ankles were all swollen up. I don't know if he had them stuck out the car window or not, there's something cockeyed somewhere. He sure got a lot of advice about 3rd degree burns and no doubt concluded that all the nuts in the world are not in 999. I don't reckon that is the kind of degrees you all crave.

Father Lynch does not have any sermons of Fr. Roche. Would surely like to have a sermon from the pen of Fr. McBrady, especially the one where he said: "The Catholic Church is high born, and high bred, and she doesn't cater to the rag tag or the bob tail."

Times have changed since Fr. Dan Dillon, of happy memory, tried to teach me how to preach. If I had to study the history of the College of Annonay before I could give a sermon, I would probably still be pushing a plow. And don't forget to tell those whom you predicate that most people, who go to Mass on Sunday, know all about the birds and

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the bees, the flowers bloom in the spring time, the sun comes up, and the sun goes down. That's all ordinary garden variety of foolish talk which is all to no purpose. Unquote. You will recall that my mother was impressed with the Father who got into the pulpit and gave an instruction.

And I reckon that is it for this time. You did not ask about the Retreat preacher. I take it for granted that information will come from Jim Magee. I know his name was Smith and ~~that~~ he is a Redemptorist. A a plumb bodacious retreat master.

Remember me to my firends (if I have any left) north of the Mason-Dixon line.

Floyd

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Saint Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
2140 Westheimer Road
Houston 6, Texas
January 8, 1954

Dear Bob,

Congratulations. John Ruth used to congratulate me from time to time. I never failed to ask him why. The answer usually had nothing to do with me. But it was interesting. Being a "dull and muddy mettled rascal", I'm not smart enough to think up a reason why I am congratulating you. Really doesn't make much difference anyway.

My problem (Mr. Anthony) is this, and I quote. When I was in Toronto, attending my mother's funeral, I mentioned to you that I wanted a pamphlet on the Mass by Father Hubert Coughlin. I even forgot to get the pamphlet. Could you, and would you find Father, whose name I have forgotten, and have him, or you send me the pamphlet? End of quotation.

Now for some gossip, some good, some not so good. Christmas is over. The janitor took down the two cribs, one outdoors, and the one in the church, and also the trees surrounding the Altar. Now I know where the Altar is. During the Christmas season the sanctuary here

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looks like the forest. Being born in New Brunswick had its advantages. I always could find my way around in the woods. Ran samack dab into a moose one day in the forest at home. He let a snort, and I'm too much of a gentleman to tell you what I let, and we headed off in opposite directions. Never saw one another after.

Father O'Rourke had dinner at his brother's (Will) home Christmas Day. The grace of God, and the thought of a nice fat turkey, gave him the will to do, and (maybe) die, he's still living.

Fr. Guinan is doing nicely. His eye seems to be a problem. Some days I hear it is O.K., other days I hear it isn't. Last report was that the doctor said, "We will just have to wait and see." I'm sure Father Walter Sullivan could make a pun out of that one. Usually my puns and jokes fall flat.

Sunday afore last I was going down the side aisle and ran sack into John Hanrahan. I know for sure that the U.S.A. Immigration officers were after him about 3 months ago. Obviously they came to some agreement. Father Rush is doing nicely too. I reckon he is out of the hospital by now. I'm not too sure just what kind of an operation he had — something to do with his water works, no doubt something wrong with his little pop-off valve.

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Everyone here is fixin to go to Spiritual reading, reckon I had better tag along.

Floyd.

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T. Gregory Mallon
October 12, 1952

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The Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street East
Calgary, Canada
October 12, 1952

Dear Bob.,

I am enclosing the Calgary news items.

Everyone is well here. We had a two-week delay in opening because of the polio. There are still a few cases at intervals.

We are getting a little tired of the slowness of the workmen on our building. But I believe it will be satisfactory to all when it is finished. The price will probably be over the estimate we sent to Fr. McCorkell and got permission for (\$15,000). George <Thompson> told me to begin the item about the addition² with: "The \$25,000 addition..." but after I had it written, he got cold feet.

The Gov. Gen'l had a visit to our school on his schedule but it had to be cancelled when he got sick. His whole Calgary visit was omitted.

Louis Purcell looks like a godsend to the gardening dept. He has things under control in the greenhouse already. There is some landscaping, etc. to do after

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the building is completed.

You may notice that Harold O'Leary lost his title of last year — Ass't to Bursar. He seems to do the repair work much better now without that extra weight.

Fr. Oliver was here, and then to Saskatoon. He mentioned his dowry but we ignored it. He picked up a book or two from his old student, Fr. Neville Anderson. He (Mike) gave us all the news about the Centennial.

This will have to do for now.

Yours in Christ,

Greg Mallon.

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T. Gregory Mallon
September 20, 1953

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The Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street East
Calgary, Canada
September 20, 1953

Dear Bob:

I wanted a week to see if anything might happen that I could report to you. But life is very regular here. Even the house appointments remain about the same. Willy Coyle, however, lost his job of reading at examen.

We had a good retreat from the Superior General. In his opening remarks, he bemoaned the fact that he didn't have a final day of preparation that he expected to have. He said that he felt like the skeleton in the cupboard who said, "If I had any guts I wouldn't be here." After a prolonged alugh, he said that perhaps the comparison wasn't quite apt.

I had a good five weeks with the Navy. The U.S. chaplains in San Diego entertained me royally, and I got to Glendale, Calif., to see the Broussard family, whom I knew in Houston.

We had our first frost last night, but even the dahlias seem to have come through it all right.

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Best regards,

Greg Mallon, CSB

P.S. Blake<Coll> is very secretive about his progress at U of A. He has been accused of taking "Education 18" on Edmonton's beautiful Mayfair and Municipal courses.

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Vincent A. Thomson
October 27, 1952

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St. John the Baptist Church
Box 343
Amherstburg, Ontario
October 27, 1952

Dear Bob,

I am contemplating the replacing of the present Mass vestments ehre which are not in good condition, and were never good vestments, even when new. And I turn to you as the most likely source for information or advice about the best place to get some new vestments.

Could you advise me of the most suitable firm to contact, or alternately, do you think it best to have them acquired or made by some outfit of nuns? What I have in mind is, of course, the ample or so-called gothic type. I figure that I should get good ones, not lavish, or too expensive, but good enough to look well and to stand up for a reasonably long time. All five colors would be acquired.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. With cordial personal regards.

V.A. Thomson

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Matthew A. Killoran
September 15, 1952

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St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne Street
Detroit 16, Mich.
Sept. 15, 1952.

Dear Bob:

As far as I can judge, now I will not be able to attend the "Grand celebration" at St. Michael's this year. There are two reasons. First I find most of my "hundred and twenty" has been spent and secondly I am afraid I couldn't get permission to do unnecessary travelling. But as Fr. Beuglet would say when he loses a cribbage game, "That is neither here nor there."

I have just received 400 Low Mass intentions from Mrs. Cady (the same lady that gave the 250 when you were here). Can you dispose of them at the seminary? I do not want to send them and have them returned or rather Fr. <Chas.> Kelly wouldn't want that to happen. You can let me know sometime. I feel I have to do something to reward you for taking on the job of writing a ditty on Fr. Frank Walsh.

By the way Mrs. Cady has also given me another \$2,000 to help pay the wheat bill for some seminarians. I will send that by some trustworthy Basilian when he is headed for Toronto.

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Had a glorious letter from Fr. Crowley last week. Wonderful subject matter for conversation but so little of it could be used in a sermon or even published in the Annals.

There is nothing new to report at present. Had a letter from Fr. Monaghan saying you had turned in the mass intention money. So glad you did. We always tell Fr. Beuglet that you only have to turn in the High Masses.

As ever,

Matt.

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Matthew A. Killoran
December 17, 1952

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St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
Dec. 17, 1952.

Dear Bob:-

Would it be possible for me to get an extra copy of the Annals? It is not for Jack Atwell. These people are very dear friends of the Basilians. They have been in the Community a long time. They never took the three vows but I feel they have one of "stability". I told them I would try to get a copy (the one with the ages, weights and I.Q.'s)

I am in a rush at present but hope to get a laonger note to you when the Xmas rush dies down. Hoep everyone is well at the Seminary. I should have got some material, vocal instructions, gestures etc. from you for my Xmas sermon. I guess it is too late now.

Say hello to Fr. Hubert Coughlin, John Kelly, Hugh Mallon, Joseph Wey, etc.
Xmas wishes.

As ever,

Matt.

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September 17, 1953

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St. Anne's Society
Organized to promote devotion to St. Anne
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Phone TA 5-2750
Detroit 16, Mich.
Sept. 17, 1953

Dear Bob:

Your letter reached here today and I suppose there is not time like the present to answer it. I was glad to know that you had your place waiting for you in the new cemetery. It is quite a worry to fellow if he has not picked out his plot early.

I was sort of disappointed that I didn't get to the Island this summer. I had plans for getting there but when Fr. Kelly's father took sick it made it hard for me to get away. No doubt you spent most of the summer up there. I can see you lining up for those frogging expeditions, moon-light sails and ball games with O.P.I.

There is not very much new to report from here. Two of our "Bonus Babies" Fr. Bope and Fr. Mooney have departed for the sunny south. In exchange we got Fr. Rivard, plus a nice new car. Fr. Adam came along too and now we are wondering whether the General threw in the

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car with the bargain or if Fr. Adam was thrown in with the deal. At any rate we are quite pleased with the exchange. Usually it is just a player for player deal with no money involved but this case is a little different.

Fr. <Charles> Kelly has been doing a great job of cleaning up around here. The school was painted inside, the wood work outside painted, the woodwork on the church outside painted, the slate on a big section of the church replaced. The inside of the church has been given a real scrubbing and waxing. The Convent was all painted inside this year. He has definitely decided not to raise any rabbits. The Novena in Honor of Ste. Anne this year was a huge success. Fr. McCann, CSB, preached it. He did very well. Fr. Adam will swing into line as soon as he gets back from his vacation. The Mexicans are waiting for him anxiously. Fr. Pokriefka at present is helping out in Bunrside, Mich. I am expecting all the natives to be wearing extra pairs of sweat sox this winter. Fr. Beuglet is still going strong. He gets in a few extra Post Communions in each Mass, but what are a few extra Post Communions among friends.

I can't think of anything worth putting in the Annals, unless you mention the fact that we all have our Easter Duties

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made. There has been no new buildings going up. And I guess there has been no old ones being torn down. The parish on the whole is going down fast. Our Masses (not for publication) are not attended like they were five years ago. The future of St. Anne's does not look too bright. However, the collections are about as high as they ever were. I have yet to say a Low Mass, except on Sunday. And that is since I came here in 1944. All the priests here sing (if you can call it sing) High Masses every day.

Well Bob this is a poor excuse for a letter but I am in a rush now. I will try and send you a better letter in the near future. I wrote Floyd yesterday. I told him about Fr. Beuglet going to Windsor every week on his day off. Wherever he goes the last house must fill him up with a lot of tea, because he comes in here on the run and heads for the jakes. He goes in with that pained expression that would see on a man suffering from rheumatism and not using Minard's linament to relieve it and he comes out with that calm and pleasant expression you might see on one of Borden's contented cows. Remember me to all the good and holy Fathers.

As ever, Matt.

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Matthew A. Killoran
October 4, 1954

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St. Anne's Church
Basilian Fathers
1000 Ste. Anne Street
Detroit 16, Mich.
Oct, 4, 1954.

Dear Bob,

I am a little late getting this letter away but I have been away winding up my summer course in Belledune. Your letter was on my desk when I returned. As a matter of fact nearly everything else was on my desk where I left it when I went home. No doubt they thought I had died and not wanting to break the Rule they locked my door immediately.

Things are very quiet around here at present. Everyone looks rested after a very hot and strenuous summer. School is in full swing and smiling faces of the children show that they are free from sin sorrows sway. I haven't gone over to my classes yet but will begin as soon as I get this letter away.

Speaking about the ANNALS: The mass schedules are the same as last year. Local appointments are the same: i.e. Father Kelly is in charge of everything from the boilerroom to the Altar Boys. I have the Religion in all the High School classes. Fr. Rivard, Grades 7 & 8; Fr. Adam, 5 & 6; Poke, 3 & 4; Fr. Kelly, 1 & 2. All have census districts

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except Fr. Kelly and Fr. Beuglet. Fr. Adam gives Fr. Beuglet his shots each morning for his diabetes. Fr. Poke takes his own. Bot have diabetes but different diets. John Burke did a bang up job of preaching St. Anne's Novena. No degrees conferred this year. By the way the whole rectory has been painted inside this year (a few rooms yet but they are at it now.) Fr. Adam has a very fine Mission which ended Sept. 26th (a week). It was for the Mexican people and very well attended. A Franciscan from Hebronville, Texas, preached it. FR. Raimundo Solano, O.F.M. Mexicans came from many outlying districts too. I think they figure there are about 450 Mexican families in Ste. Anne's at the present. Fr. Kelly calims that isn't so. I can't quote exact figures. Fr. Adam says his census cards show it. We haven't heard who has been appointed as librarian yet but let us say it is Poke since he has most of the books in his room. I don't think there are any deaths that you haven't got.

I will have to go now. As usual I am in a rush but I want to get this to you or Jack Atwell will be giving you all the news before me.

Best wishes to you and all,

Matt.

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P.S. Fr. Wey's father died last week.

Oh yes, I nearly forgot to congratulate you on your recent elevation at the Chapter. I have all confidence in you. I fear both you and Fr. Flahiff will let out many secrets about the members in the Community.

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Matthew A. Killoran
December 11, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
Ste. Anne's Church
1000 Ste. Anne St.
Detroit 16, Michigan
Dec, 11, 1954.

Dear Bob:

I saw this clipping in this morning's Free Press and thought you would need it for your records. One request I must make now. When I die I would not want a painting of me covered with Jack Atwell's suit.

There is nothing new here. Fr. Beuglet is still with us. He was in Providence for a week or two but is hitting on all spark plugs again. He doesn't take an active part in anything any more. When the rest of us go out for our game of "touch" he doesn't come out. I doubt if it gets cold enough to have a drink, if he will even come out to skate "on our stinking pond". Fr. Hubert Coughlin can explain that expression to you.

Must go now and get enough hay down for the morning. Best X'mas wishes to all,

Matt...

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Eugene R. Malley
October 8, 1952

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Annonay, Ardèche

During our retreat Fr. Carr said the early Basilians in Toronto used to go out after meals, sit under the big tree and just talk. He said he didn't know what they talked about — they just talked. I never felt more like a full-fledged Basilian than this afternoon. After dinner we went out and sat under a tree and talked. I didn't know what they talked about — but they did talk. However our stay here is most enjoyable and they are most hospitable to us. The location is really something to see — an artist would envy the sight. Last night as Fr. Roume was showing us around we spotted the golden peaked Alps in the distance. He had to go away today. He's hoping to get a hold of a summer spot & has gone to look it over. We're on to Rome Friday. Walt & Mike treated us like kings. We saw an awful lot of Paris.

Gene

P.S. I think I missed a bow at Mass the other day.

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Eugene R. Malley
November 11, 1952

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Canadian Pontifical College
117 Quattro Fontane
Rome
November 11, 1952.

Dear Father Scollard,

You mentioned to me before leaving that if we ran across anything in the book line that you might be interested in to let you know. One of the priests here told me yesterday that one of the book-stores has a "sale" on books in Mariology. It seems to me that they would be good for the Seminary especially when they are taking up the tract on the Incarnation. They are all in Latin. The bargain goes as follows: there are four different groups; each group is at a value of 8,000 lire (the value of a Canadian dollar in the Italian lire fluctuates somewhat daily but actually there is not much change — its value at present is 634 lire to a dollar); each group contains four books in Mariology by ROSCHINI — "Mariologia - Introductio in Mariologiam", "Mariologia - De Singulari Missione B.M.V.", "Mariologia - De Privilegiis singularibus B.M.V.", "Mariologia - De Singulari cultu B.M.V.". These books themselves sell at 2,000 lire apiece. The other books are divided into the following groups:

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Group A

EVERINI - De Corporali Morte Deiparae
KNOX - De Necessitudine Deiparam inter
et Eucharistiam
FRIETHOFF - De Alma Socia Christi
Mediatoris
LORENZIN - Mariologia Jacobi a Varagine
Psalterium Mariale
SPARKS - Summarium de cultu Cordis
Immaculati B.M.V.

Group B

Hebdomadalis supplicatio erga SS. Dei
Genitricem
ARRESE - De Immaculata Conception BMV
BALIC - Testimonia de Assumption BMV,
Pars Prior; Pars Altera
DILLENSCHNEIDER - Pour une Corredemption
mariale bien comprise
PUJOLRAS - Cultus Purissimi Cordis BMV

Group C

CAROL - De Corredemptione B.M.V.
JUGIE - Theophanes Nicaenus - Sermo in
SS. Deiparam
KEUPPENS - Mariologiae Compendium
MARTINELLI - De primo instanti Concep-
tions B.M.V.
ROZO - Sancta Maria Mater Dei

Group D

S. Afonso - De Mariae gloriis
GALLUS - Interpretatio Mariologica
Protoevangelii

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LARNICOL - De Verbo Incarnato et de BMV
PIANA - Assumption B.V.M. apud scrip-
tores saec. XIII

SERICOLI - Immaculata B.M.V. Conceptio
iuxta Xysti IV constitutiones

ANONIMUS (Balic) - Tractatus de Immor-
talitate B.M.V.

Just in case I have succeeded in confusing you I shall repeat that each of these groups contains, besides the books enumerated in them above, the four books in Mariology by Roschini mentioned in the first paragraph. The value of each group is 8,000 lire (about \$12.60) I haven't seen them but they are most likely paper bound. They could be bound here fairly cheaply. Besides that of course is the freight charges. But if you are interested in them please let me know and I shall be glad to take care of the matter for you. Perhaps Fr. Coughlin would be interested in them for the Seminary as he teaches that tract.

Things are going along well at the Canadian College. We have a good group of priests here and in addition to that the meals are something to write home about. Archbishop Léger is here at present and they are going to have a few banquets for him. They really do them up in style here evidently as Cardinal Tisserant is scheduled to preside at one.

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We heard that the celebrations of the Centenary were very successful and enjoyed by all. Dick Donovan sent some clippings to Walt and Mike who relayed them on to us.

Please remember me to all at the Seminary. I remember you all at daily Mass and hope for a remembrance in yours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Gene

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Canadian Pontifical College
117 Quattro Fontane
Rome
January 18, 1953.

Dear Father Scollard,

You waited for a rainy day to write your fine, interesting and welcome letter. Today is a beautiful day in Rome — one with a clear, blue sky. But it offers an opportunity for a reply, since our gardening unfortunately does not depend on the weather but is a case of weeding out intellectual weeds. And today is Sunday.

We have had some interesting ceremonies during the past week, ones which do not occur too often and yet for all the meaning they carried with them they were simple enough. But they were none the less impressive. The Canadian College was fortunate in having a Cardinal with it and so we were in on all the ceremonies except the Secret Consistories. They started Monday morning when the messenger from the Vatican came with the letter to Cardinal Leger telling him that he had just been made a Prince of the Church. Tuesday the Cardinals had a day of rest after the previous day of receiving visitors. Wednesday was the Secret Consistory at which they received the Red Biretta. Thursday was the Public Consistory at

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St. Peter's. Friday afternoon was the formal presentation of the big Red Hat which was brought to the College where there was a fitting ceremony. Saturday-- That will come later.

The main one for us was Thursday morning of course, at St. Peter's. We got up at 4.30 and for once it was not too difficult to roll out. We siad our Masses and had breakfast about 6.15 as the Rector told us to be at St. Peter's about 7 or a little after. We obeyed with all docility, even though we had tickets for the special Tribunals which had been set up for a limited number. We were getting more anxious by the minute and so decided to splurge by taking a taxi to St. Peter's. We got there about five to seven but even at that we were not first in line. However, we went nonchalantly over to the left of the square and got in line. We were fairly close to the front, though, and at first had no fears. Gradually the crowd grew thicker and we soon found ourselves intent and consciously struggling to hold our own. There was nothing to do except enjoy the novelty of it in between our moments of anger and recovering from the odd poke in the ribs. What time were they going to open? We thought at first it would be 7:15, but that hour went by and nothing happened. Surely it would be 7.30 since that would

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only give us two hours before it started. That too went by and we began to wonder more, and especially since the crowd was now thick and though we hadn't seemed to move our feet we were in a much different position from when we arrived.

Suddenly the gate flung open at 7.40 and the mad dash was on. Our entrance gate was around to the back of the basilica. We were amazed how the people swarmed through and began to run as if for life. Then we heard, "Momento, momento", and a policeman was struggling to hold back the crowd. We all stopped and looked down to see him helping a poor nun up from the ground who would have been crushed in another minute. She looked pale and sickly but after a weak smile and a twist of her veil she was off with the rest again. We were trailing up to the first turn but gained ground shortly after. One of the priests, however, who is very dignified and was his Bishop's secretary, refused to be lowered to such a degree. He was determined to walk quickly and that's all. But suddenly, another nun darted past him and he said, "That's enough", and he was off with the rest of the crowd. We made it in good time to the entrance and made our way more sedately into the Basilica. Even there though we had to make an effort to get ahead. We were as determined as any of them and so we

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wound up in the Tribunal of St. Longinus and with excellent seats on the corner where we could see from the back of the Basilica to the throne of the Holy Father which was in the back of the apse behind the Papal Altar.

St. Peter's was not quite as ornate as it is for the biggest of events, perhaps because the Holy Father has it in mind to be more conservative now in pomp and externals. As you know he cut the train on the Cardinals and also restricted the material. None the less it was a sight to see with all the chandeliers going up the walls and the finely decorated apse and throne, all in red, which though simple was very striking.

The time passed quickly and it did not seem like an hour and a half's wait at all. We had a good breakfast in the morning but we did not refuse a bit of candy which the gentleman next to us had brought in to keep him going for the morning. (Don't be scandalized. It's o.k. here — cf. O'Connell, p. 1000, footnote 5b)

Then the big moment came. The reason for all the hurry became evident. We spied the trumpeters on the balcony in the back of the Basilica. All the lights were turned on, the doors opened and we

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saw the handkerchiefs begin to wave and the people began to cheer. It was the same beautiful music that greeted the Holy Father as always. As the procession made its way to the front, it was a real sight to watch. We often heard of the extraordinary experience it is to witness what we were witnessing and it was good to see it. The procession itself was not as colorful as at the Consistory of '46 since the Cardinals did not have their Cappa Magna and they walked in by twos. But the main thing was seeing the Holy Father coming down the aisle slowly, greeting and blessing all who came to see him. He passed by us, not more than ten yards away so we got a good view of him. Perhaps the next most colorful aspect of the procession was the sight of the fifteen or so Monsignori who preceded the Pope in their bright red outfits and ermine. Among them were two Rochesterians — Monsignors Burns and Sullivan.

The ceremony for the Cardinals was not elaborate but quite simple. After the Holy Father reached the throne and a Monsignor read a cause of Beatification, a couple of the old Cardinals went to a nearby Chapel to bring the new ones to the Consistory. Each of the new ones went to the Papal throne and paid their homage by kneeling before the Holy Father, kissing his foot, his hand and

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receiving the Kiss of Peace as we do at High Mass. When the last one had gone through this, the new Cardinals gave the Kiss of Peace to the old ones and then returned one by one to receive the red hat. The train was pulled over the Cardinal's head as he knelt before the Pope who placed the Red Hat, which, he said while doing so, was a sign of their office and also the sign even to the shedding of blood and they received it for the glory of God, the Holy See, and the Church. There was not much more to it than that and the procession began to go out. The crowd followed with eager eyes all the new Cardinals who now made the procession longer than when it entered. There were thirty-eight Cardinals in all — Cardinal McGuigan, Cardinal Leger, Cardinal Spellmand, and Cardinal McIntyre were the ones we were most interested in but it was also good to see the Indian Cardinal there.

The Holy Father was greeted with the same enthusiasm on the way out and we were forced to follow him with our eyes right to the back. When he arrived there he did as is his custom — turning completely around he faces the packed Basilica and gives His blessing and the silence that falls is an impressive contrast to the cheers which follow him all the way along. He then went into

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one of the Chapels with the Cardinals but no one seems to know what ceremony took place there. The priest I was with and myself figured it was over so we made our way out the way we came in. Evidently the Cardinals were doing the opposite by returning down the centre aisle and knelt around the Confessional of St. Peter, in front of the Papal Altar. They also returned to the Chapel and prostrated while Cardinal Tisserant said some prayers for them. There was then the Te Deum and the recessional. We were not too disappointed in that however because we on our part took a walk around some of the Vatican grounds which at other times are non-enterable.

Yesterday morning brought a big event. Cardinal Leger arranged an audience for us with the Pope. All the students at the College were there and about 40 people who came from Montreal for it. We didn't have to get up at four thirty and we didn't have to do the 500 either. We got to St. Peter's around 8.45 and entered the reception room about 9.15. It was the room where the Holy Father had held the Secret Consistory. We were there about twenty or twenty-five minutes and then the Master of Ceremonies came in, told us to get together and come closer. After a minute or two he gave us the sign to kneel and the red door opened, the Holy Father came

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in to see us. There is something about him alright and everyone was taken by storm. He read a little paper in French about the Cardinal and then gave us His blessing which as always was impressive. We never dreamed he would do it but he started to make the rounds, first to the lay people, the Cardinal introducing them all. He would talk for a brief moment with those who said something to him. As soon as He started in on the priests from the College He made sure He found out whether they were English speaking or French. Meanwhile I was trying to formulate how I would ask Him for the blessings I wanted to. But he was not spending an abundance of time with anyone.

The Cardinal then spotted me and introduced me as a Basilian Father, English speaking. I was taken off my feet as the Holy Father began to speak to me by asking me what city in Canada. I told Him Toronto and He said, "I give you a special blessing for your Community." I was so surprised because that was one of the blessings I intended to ask for. Would you please relay that to Father Mc orkell or Father Coughlin. He kept on talking to me but I don't have the foggiest notion of what He said. All I remember now is asking Him in the midst of it all if He would include the other intentions I had in

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mind. I don't know if he understood me but any rate they were included in the two general blessings He gave us. It was quite an experience and I was very surprised as was everyone else since He spent about thrity-five minutes with us.

Thanks very much for the helpful suggestion in your last letter about small writing on thin paper. If you have any other such helps please don't hesitate to hand them on as they are appreciated.

Enough for now, except, a request for prayers for the help that is needed.

Yours incerely in Christ,

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P.S. Enjoyed the Annals very much. It was a fine issue.

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Dear Father Scollard,

Your rapid answer to my last letter swept me off my feet and just as I began to resolve to answer some overdue correspondence your second communique arrived. They are always interesting and welcome.

The man at the Catholic Book Agency is going to send your copies of Bender's book and that of Paris. As for the Suarez books — he does not have them in stock and said they are very difficult to get. However, he is going to try and meanwhile I'll take a look myself. Re "Commentarium pro Religiosis et Missionariis" fascicules IV-VI for 1952 and III-IV for 1953 are not out as yet. Fascicule VI for 1950 you already have — believe it or not. There was an error in printing and the V on the III-V one should be III-VI. (I am not sure whether the first number is III or IV but am sure the V is VI). That I believe takes care of the books. He said he had sent you the last order you had me see him about so perhaps you have them by now. I wasn't going to mention it, but since you brought the subject up

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that Agency is very high in its prices. The only thing is that they seem to have everything one wants. They are right near the Gregorian, Biblical & the American College. However, it seems that all the bookstores here are heavy on the prices, especially when they concern English speaking students.

You would have turned inside out on March 6th. That was the day the Station was at our parish church, St. Vitalis. We had an extra holiday in honor of St. Thomas so a couple of us went to the Solemn Mass there in the morning. With the sound of a gong, they were off. The minors came prancing out of the sacristy, faces beaming and censor swinging like mad. Then came the M.C. Giovanni — who is one of the men who work here (& incidentally was Deacon at midnight Mass in said Church last Christmas). Then came the three Majors, somewhat more sedately. Things went well for the prayers at the foot of the altar after a few instructions to the altar boys by Giovanni. The incensing didn't go too badly either, but there was a huddle of the first class at the Introit to determine, evidently, what Mass should be said. Once again Giovanni had the answer. Things proceeded. The altar boys, meanwhile, enjoying private conversations on world events or the like and also going from

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one reliquary to the other in the sanctuary, examining the contents which were on display specially that day. It became custom for them to go back and forth from sanctuary to sacristy, in between odd jobs. But it would have done your heart good to see the two acolytes flit off the altar during the Preface and glide back at the Sanctus with the "torches". This they seemed to enjoy most of all. As they knelt, stationary as two leaves in a gale, one could not help but admire how the flames stayed lit. In due time they made their exit (sorry — no square turns) and all managed to finish unscarred. The only thing they lack for a non-Scollard permanence was a balcony filled with field glasses attached. Actually when it was over we could not help but feel that it is really too bad to let the boys grow up with that attitude of mind. So if your subjects tend to weary of those Saturday night and Sunday morning briefings, they can be thankful at least that they are taught the sanctuary is no place for ice cream!

Your remarks on the visitation were interesting. I was very happy about Father Embser's remarks to the staff. The scholastics in a very real sense are the cream of the Community, but if cream is left open to hot air, it gets sour!

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A week ago today we were at St. Susann's for the Station in the afternoon. Fr. Windle and myself were standing in the back enjoying the plain chant, being sung by students from the American College. Suddenly I received a jolt from someone behind. Accordingly I wasn't going to let the disturbance go by without a dirty look. I turned to cast it and who was standing there laughing but Fr. Terence McLaughlin. It sure was good to see him. He was quite tired from the long trip, but is in good shape now. In fact almost too good. I went out a couple of days with him for a walk and he managed to fatigue me handily.

I am very thankful to you for the information about the deaths of parents, etc. of confreres. The graduate students, it seems, should be notified about them as well as any others. If you, or anyone, Fr. Coughlin, would care to delegate, would send me the information I would gladly notify the others on the continent here. However you may see a reason to let things go as they are. Whatever you think.

Also forgot to mention so far — your book lists are very good — look good on the new machine, too (Ian's benefit). Write again when you get a chance. A

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big reunion at Easter — a joy.

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Dear Father Scollard,

Even after all this time I am afraid that bad news must be sent regarding the Suarez books. The man at the Catholic Book Agency said they are very difficult to get now and he has not been able to locate any copies for you. The other places I inquired also seemed to be a bit discouraging. However, I shall keep an eye open without making any committal and let you know if anything comes up.

The consecration ceremonies in Rochester must have been very impressive. A couple of people have written about them and it appears as though it left a lasting effect on their memory. Bishop Casey was well known to our family and his appointment made me particularly happy. He has a good deal of ability and has proven himself in administration. He may have a few traits that will displease some, but I think he will do a lot of good for the Church.

You were undoubtedly the only one who wasn't completely happy over the indult for the younger members of the ordin-

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ation class. At any rate it will be good to have them all ordained together and it is a good number. However it may catch Cardinal <McGuigan's> eye once again, as the Rector of the College here told us that the Cardinal mentioned that the Basilians are getting quite a few vocations. He was very kind to us, none the less, during his stay. Is there any word about Msgr. F. Allen? We haven't heard anything about him since Fr. McLaughlin arrived. All are watching for the parishes in Toronto to be filled and also Halifax and Ottawa.

Charlie Principe sent on a copy of the letter that Father McCorkell issued regarding the novena for vocations. It is a very nice letter and will undoubtedly yield fruit in some way. Is there any news on the novices? Everything may be a bit late this year due to Fr. McCorkell's trip. He is in England right now making the rounds and has two weeks left for there and Ireland. It's amazing the way the time has gone by.

We are still struggling along with classes but they are due to end for us at the end of the month. It will be good to have them over as all the priests are beginning to get a bit weary about now. The warm weather made an appearance today for the first time. It has been comfortably cool for studying up to now.

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You most likely would get along on ten blankets these nights.

I don't know if I mentioned it before, but your booklists are very fine and I hope you keep sending them on. They will come in quite handy. There is a new review coming out — one by the Jesuits. You most likely have heard of it but if not the information may be helpful. It's called "Theology Digest" edited at St. Mary's College, Kansas. Business address, 1015 Central Ave, Kansas City 5, Missouri. It looks very good according to its first issue (Winter 1953) published three times a year — Winter, Spring & Autumn.

Would you please tell Fr. V.L. Kennedy that his letter and check arrived today. I plan to write him soon but he may want to know that his message arrived safely. The scholastics in Arts must be very happy today, which, if I am not mistaken, sees the end of that dreaded schedule for exams. I hope and trust in your prayers for the success of our exams here. Hope all are well at the Seminary. All Basilians here are.

Sincerely in Christ,

Gene

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Dear Father Scollard,

Since you have sent none other than the Prime Minister himself to find out what is going on over here, I had better respond to the treatment. The Rt. Honorable arrived in town Friday night. He attended Mass at nine o'clock this morning in St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, Cardinal Leger's titular church. It is very near the Canadian College and also near the hotel where the Prime Minister is staying. Some of the priests went down to attend the Mass. There were only seven, in fact, who went, but the irony of it all is that three of them were Americans: the Rector, another priest from Maine who just came from Ottawa after Christmas, and myself. We shook hands with him afterwards and that was that.

St. Mary Major's is the scene of much activity this year. There is a big crowd there every day, due largely to the fact that each parish in Rome has a day set aside for its own special devotions. However, it is obvious that many others come and go for a visit each day. It is inspiring to see and

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certainly bears out proof for the love
Italians have for the Madonna.

Last Thursday was a special day — the feast of the Apparition at Lourdes. It was set aside for seminarians and priests at the various Colleges here. There was a Mass in the morning said at the papal altar by Cardinal Pizzardo, the Prefect of Colleges and Seminaries. It was rather nice to attend it since there were priests or future priests from every country on the globe at the Mass. Not only that, but the one who is head of them all said the Mass. The Cardinal gave a very fine talk on the Blessed Virgin and the role she has in a priest's life. He also brought in all brother priests who are in the Church of Silence and so made a complete picture of it all.

Another priest from the College, John Callaghan from Timmins, and myself went to the Basilica on February 2nd to say Mass one of the big feasts set aside as a special day during the year. We said Mass in the Chapel of the Madonna Salus Populi Romani. I remembered all the confreres there, as, in fact, is the case every day, but special places and days carry somewhat of a special meaning.

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The thesis work is going along fairly well so far. Fr. Philippe, OP, the Moderator, has approved two chapters and is reading the third now. They actually are the most difficult ones and the rest should be much easier going. The last three are more an application and synthesis of the first section. It is quite a relief to have the first part finished. There will be a few changes to be made, I suppose, but the big thing is to have something to correct.

I don't know if you have Fr. Phillippe's book on the Blessed Virgin, but it is very good. Fr. McCorkell got a copy of it in Ireland last year, I believe. Its title is, "The Blessed Virgin and the Priesthood", translated from the French, Mercier Press, Cork, 1952. I am sure the seminarians would get a lot out of it.

There is to be a banquet at the College tomorrow for Mr. St. Laurent. Quite a few are scheduled to come, especially among the Canadians in Rome. Bishop Pelletier from Three Rivers is here and also the Bishop of Chicoutimi, for their ad limina visit. They will add some color to the occasion.

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If you get a chance tell Leon Hart that I was glad to receive his letter and the news about the Community it contained. I imagine now that quite a bit of talk is beginning about the Chapter this summer. I presume it is to be held during July at St. Michael's. I would enjoy hearing from you, and to hear how things are going at the Seminary. Evidently Fr. Frank Orsini is doing an exceptional job which is very good news. I remember you daily.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Dear Father Scollard,

The news of the chapter elections came through and hence I want to send on a note of congratulations. I was truly happy to see your name amongst the "Big 5".

My stay in this region is near the end, since tomorrow I begin the final lap, heading for Lourdes, Paris and London. It has been a profitable stay in Spain, though I still stumble along trying to find my way through a complete sentence. Nonetheless, it was most interesting to learn some of their customs and to hear that the queer phrases we learn in books are actually used in speech. More than anything else, however, it was inspiring to see the deep religion the Spanish possess. Everything, as well as everybody, is Catholic. The daily newspaper carries a religious calendar — saint of the day, etc. Children just don't ask to go to the movies, though they are permitted to go to some.

The biggest touch of sensationalism struck during the past week. The annual fiesta is on this week. As a result an American circus is in town. Overnight the city was littered with advertisements — "American Circus, Greatest Show

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on earth. See Kongo (a wild man), etc. etc. Despite it all, the Spanish are really playing up friendly relations with the States and never fail to point out that they are the only true friends the States have. It's all very interesting.

Haven't heard any of the appointments yet but hope Joe Dorsey or Fred Black will have some of the dope in England. They should be fairly interesting with all the changes necessitated through the Chapter and also the Annonay affair. How is that to work?

Fred and I are to sail on August 12 and needless to say it will be good to get back to the Community again. Thanks for all your letters. Regards to all the confreres visiting Toronto!

Sincerely in Christ,

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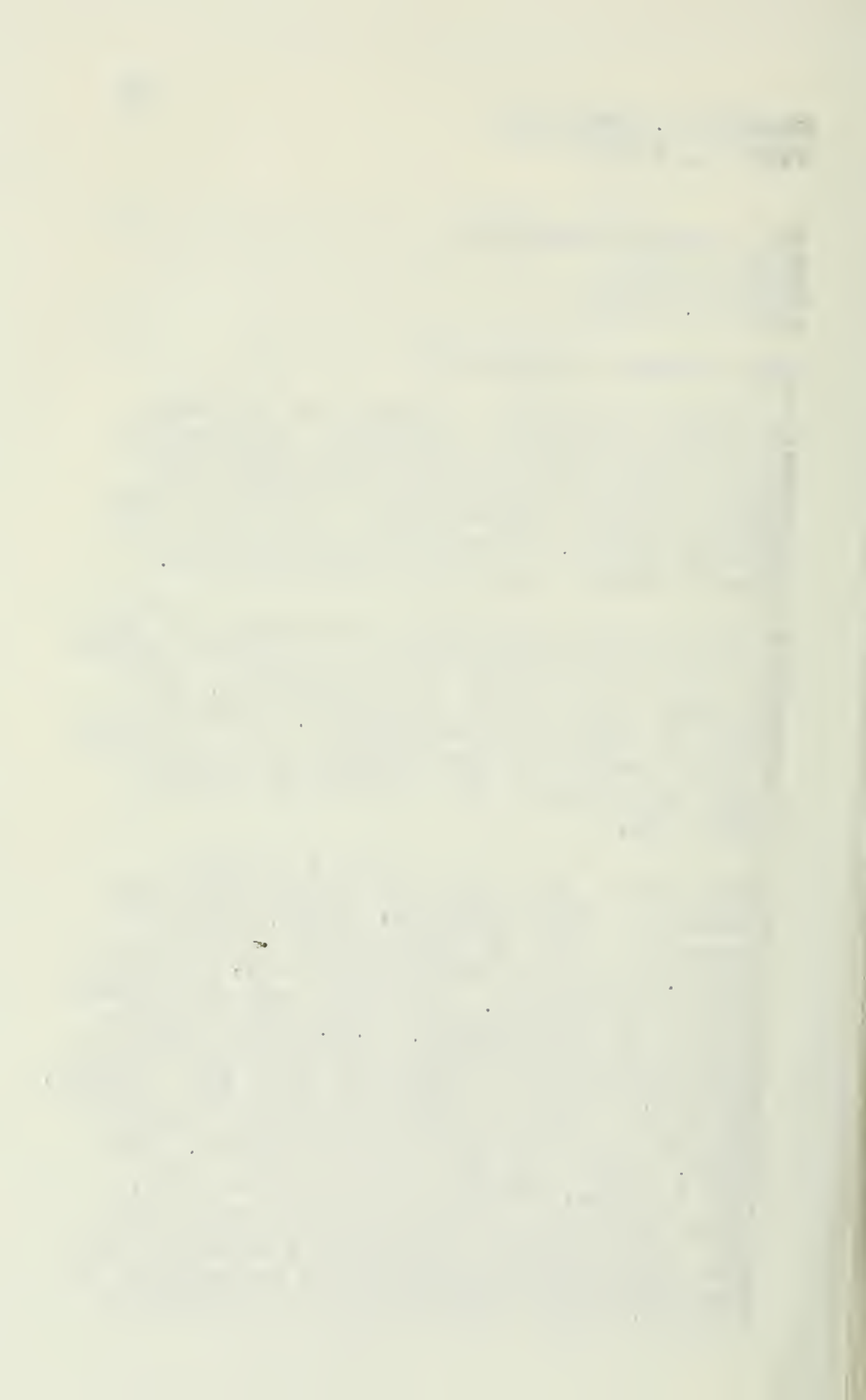
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Dear Father Scollard:

At least one good reason for writing is the hope that a possible answering letter should contain some good comments on the appointments which we received today. I suppose you have accused Father Bondy of trailing you.

I have made occasional jottings during the year of things that I thought might be good to have at the Seminary, but most of them are misplaced. However, I came across a few things in a second-hand store that you might be interested in.

There is a set of Genicot's Moral Theology (15th edition, 1942) for 1200 francs; a set of Merkelbach's Summa Theol. Moralis (1936 edition), 3 vols. for 1800 francs. Neither set is bound. A book by Perinelle, O.P., on "Attrition according to the Council of Trent and St. Thomas" (French) for 200 francs. Gilson's Philosophie de Saint Bonaventure, which is now out of print, for 750 francs; Melanges Thomistes III, with a couple of important articles, for 500 francs; Lagrange's Scriptural commentaries (Gospels and Epistles) — I didn't get the prices; J. Rivière:



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La Doctrine de la redémption chez St. Augustin, 250 francs; Spicq: Esquisse d'une histoire de l'exegese latine au moyen-age, 450 francs.

I have a few suggestions on newer books. I think the Sem would do well to be getting both the Bulletin Thomiste and the Recherches (or Revue) de Sciences Philosophiques et Théologiques both published at Le Saulchoir. The latter, as you know, reviews in detail a very large number of periodicals of philosophy and theology, and has excellent bulletings for every department of theology each year. I think it would be excellent to keep the professors up to date on what is being done. The Bulletin is good for the same thing, and has done very valuable section on corrections of the texts of St. Thomas which gives new readings for many passages. There is a new book out at Vrin by A. Krempel on "La Doctrine de la relation chez St. Thomas", which has some important sections for the theology of the Trinity and of the Incarnation (touching a problem here that Fr. Coughlin has puzzled over in the past). It looks serious, though I haven't seen any reviews of it yet. The Biblical School of Jerusalem has been putting out a series of translations of the Bible in French, with excellent notes and incorporating the latest researches in the introductions and translations

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(Genesis and the Canticles, which I have read, are eye-openers). I heard that the English Dominicans might translate the whole set, which would be better for the Sem; if not, I think this set would be a valuable addition. I would like to mention the Dominican translation of the Summa again (the Revue des Jeunes edition; the volumes of the last 10 or 15 years are especially good for their notes). I don't know what we have in the line of Biblical theology — a series by Cueppens at Rome received a good review in the Bulletin Thomiste.

The more recent volumes of the patristic collection "Sources Chrétiennes" have become very scholarly and more than summary in their introductions; e.g. Marrou's St. Irenaeus. They seem far better than the American sets coming out in that regard, and also have the original texts.

That is about all I can think of now, Father. Except, also, Chanson's new book "Pour Mieux Administrer les Sacrements" (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Extreme Unction), a companion to his "Pour Mieux Confesser". But you're probably tired of French titles by now. Though La Vie Spirituelle, and even more, its supplement, would be very valuable. I hope you have a good

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budget. Don't let Fr. Orsini make you use it all on Canon Law, now that he 's superior.

Sincerely in Christ,

Walter Principe.

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Paris 14e, France
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Dear Father Scollard:

Your latest list was for me a happy coincidence, because I had just had a lecture on Bérulle's spirituality (which seems to be one of Marmion's sources) and when I asked around here if his works were available, I was told that it is very hard to get them. So that it was quite a pleasure to see his works listed on your list. Thank you for the last two letters and for the lists as well. It's good to see the acquisitions increasing in an orderly fashion.

I haven't been doing much browsing lately, but the next time I'm around a theological book-store, I'll make inquiries about sets. They're rather rare, I find, and also French book-sellers don't like to let books go off this continent — there's no hope of a resale, ever. Father Benoit Lacroix, who is here in Paris on a University of Montreal fellowship, told me that Maritain has sold his library to Vrin, and Vrin would like to sell it intact. Gilson probably knows all about it, though, since he and Vrin are such pals.

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On the question of theology, I think that the library should sooner or later (sooner, I hope) get the Dictionnaire de Spiritualité, if it hasn't got the first numbers yet. The Dictionnaire d'Histoire Ecclésiastique et de Géographie is also another essential reference work, as you know.

Have you given any more thought to a set of Pegues? They're fairly cheap, I think (about a dollar a volume, I think) and all but a couple of volumes are still available, but won't be for long. It's very handy to have — often other commentaries skip passages that one wants to know about, and since he follows the Summa word for word, you can be sure of getting something there. Vrin told me that he has complete sets from time to time. Also, the French Summa (Editions de la Revue des Jeunes) is very valuable, and the German set should be just as useful, if not more so (Father Eschmann is doing a couple of volumes in it). Could you let me know if you are planning to get Pegues and these Summas — if not, I would like to pick up a few volumes for myself because I find the notes very helpful.

Another reference work is the new Clavis Patrum Latinorum put out at the Abbey of Steenbrucke near Bruges. You probably know it — it has references for

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all the Latin Fathers up to the time of Bede, including the best editions. I think that there is question of their beginning a new Patrologia Latina, using the best editions. That would certainly be valuable for us, since, I suppose, Migne is not available.

By the way, the rectory library here has a complete set of Bossuet (thirty some volumes), and also the four volumes of the Dict. Apologétique de la foi cath., and Thomassin's "Ancienne et Nouvelle Discipline dans l'Eglise" (7 volumes). I've never made inquiries from the curé, but they're just gathering dust here and he might be willing to sell them if they were wanted.

The thing I have been wondering about lately is the question of theological periodicals. It seems to me that we should have a few from over here, if only to allow the professors to keep up with what is going on in their field. The Recherches des sciences phil. et théol. is one I would like to see in the seminary, despite the fact that the Institute gets it, because it has long bulletins each year on each major section of philosophy and theology, with comments on the latest works of importance. It also gives the contents of all periodicals in those fields, often with the conclusions of the articles. The Bulletin thomiste would be another

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of value, especially since it concentrates on St. Thomas, and also because it has the latest results of textual criticism of St. Thomas' writings including the latest readings and corrections to be made in his text. They are sometimes very important changes. The Bulletin de théol. ancienne et méd. would also be worthwhile, especially for its patristic section; in the mediaeval section the reviewers are such authorities that you always have to see what they think of a book or article you are using. We should also get, I think, the Nouvelle Revue Théologique and the Ephemerides Theol. Lovanienses (if the Institute isn't getting it yet — it should certainly be in one of our libraries; it has important articles). I suppose that the copies of the Revue Thomiste and the Recherches de théol. anc. et méd. at the Institute are enough, at least if the bulletins mentioned above are available to indicate the articles. Although the Revue Thomiste also has good bulletins of theology and important book reviews. I really think that these periodicals are very important, more so, maybe, than some of those old sets. Often they have discussions of problems that arise and that can too easily be "put on the shelf."

There are two other French periodicals that are very interesting and might be good to have, especially because they

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indicate some of the newest work in the fields of spirituality and the pastoral apostolate. They are the Supplement to the Vie Spirituelle (published separately now) which has serious articles on spirituality and religious psychology — e.g., lately, quite a few discussions of a spirituality of the laity. The other is La Maison-Dieu, which is put out by the Center of Pastoral and Liturgy, and takes one problem (for example, Lent, the preparation for the Paschal Vigil — and Easter, of course) and studies that problem from the point of view of scripture, theology, liturgy etc. Mike thinks we should get all the back numbers, too — there have been 32 fascicules to date. This may sound like too much French, but it's a fact that the French are doing a lot of work in these fields, and it's usually of higher quality than that of English or American writers.

I have a few recommendations for individual volumes, taken more or less at random. Do we have LeBreton's History of the Doctrine of the Trinity (French)? It's a basic work. Different professors over here have spoken very highly of a work on St. Augustine by Barnaby — Amor Dei, it's called, and has been reprinted (published in England). One said it's the best he's seen on St. Augustine. A new book by

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Ramirez, O.P. — De auctoritate S. Thomae in theologia, or something similar, has all the pertinent texts and a study of that important problem. Fr. Hubert Coughlin would be interested in it, I know. There are two good books out in French, one by Bouyer (Newman), the other by Dom J. Leclercq (St. Bernard), but perhaps they will be translated. Both are good. Finally, do we have Billot's works — they would be worth looking for, if we haven't?

Your news was all very interesting. You are doing a better job of keeping us informed than our graduate circular letter, which is bogged down somewhere along the line. I enjoyed the first copy of the Basilian — I'm very glad it's continuing and has definitely taken the form of a community news-spreader. I had something to do with the start of Benedicamus in the Catholic-Action days, but even then I questioned those who wanted to start if as to whether they could get enough articles on such a specialized approach to keep it going and to interest everyone.

Nothing much new in Paris these days. We're looking forward to Father McCor-kell's visit. I suppose we shouldn't show too much familiarity with fancy eating places and the like, should we?

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In fact, we're not familiar with them, although we are going to see a play about the Jesuits that has been a huge success here in Paris last year and this season, too.

I have to hurry off to class, so I'll close now. My regards to all at the Seminary.

Sincerely in Christ,

Walter Principe.

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Walter H. Principe
June 7, 1953

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<Paris 14^e, France>
June 7, 1953

Dear Father Scollard:

In your last letter you said that you still had 150 dollars left, but I suppose it's too much to hope that it is still around. However, if you want to get an early start on next year's budget, I have a couple of suggestions.

The first I consider very important. It is a series of books on Biblical Theology by Cueppens, OP, published by Marietti at Turni (and at Rome, I presume). It follows the plans of the Summa and goes through the different tracts of theology, examining the scriptural basis of the theological positions and the validity of the texts quoted (validity for proof of the thesis, that is). It is in Latin, so that there should be no language argument about it. I had the exact references, but they have been misplaced. However, the volumes have been appearing since about 1948. There is a De Deo Uno, a De Deo Trino, a Mariology, a De Incarnation (I think) — about five volumes in all. If I am to be teaching theology in the Sem, I shall certainly want to use it, because there has been tremendous development in Scripture

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studies, and I want to check on the scriptural arguments in dogma. I had Terry check at Rome and I asked a Scripture professor here who is very good, and they both recommended it for use along these lines. You probably have a Marietti catalogue; if not, Terry could order them for you, as he sent me exact details on it.

Then I wanted to check to be sure that you are getting the indices of the Dictionnaire de théologie catholique. Also, as you know, there is a Supplément to the Dictionnaire de la Bible being put out here at Paris (under direction of L. Pirot and A. Robert) in 40 fascicules (25 have appeared so far). My professors have referred to articles in it several times — apparently it is good. I think it would be valuable to have. A notice in Parker's catalogue (Oxford) lists it at 20 pounds (for the 25 fascicules that have come out. They still have a few sets of the Dictionnaire de la Bible of Vigoroux at 40 pounds, though it is a bit old, I think. Speaking of Biblical studies, do we get the Revue Biblique at the Institute? It should be somewhere in our libraries.

I saw recently that E.A. Peers' Studies of the Spanish Mystics is out in a new revised edition (London, SPCK, 1951). The first volume, that is — haven't

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seen anything about the second. There are lots of other books I would mention but most are in French or German. However, I will mention Dom O. Lottin's *Principe de morale*, 2 vols. Louvain, 1947, which is an important work in moral theology, since he has specialized in that in his historical studies and has some new things to say on the subject. You might also consider C. Balic's *Testimonia de assumptione beatae Virginis Mariae*, 2 vols., Rome, 1948-50. He gathers the important texts, which would be very useful in Mariology. If you see Kittel's *Theologisches Worterbuch* offered at a good price, it would be very valuable to get; it is a standard reference work for the Bible, even though by Protestants. I don't recall seeing it at the Institute, though it may be there.

There's not too much new to tell here. My classes finish the 20th of June, but I am staying at the books till the first days of July. I am trying to finish a *mémoire* for the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes*. It has to be in French, and that is adding to the work. My 14th *arrondissement* slang doesn't go so well there. Mike finishes a little before me and is going over to England to burrow around in libraries before we sail on August 14th.

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I'll be looking forward to a letter from you if you have the time — you should have lots of good rumors these days, with Father McCorkell back in Toronto. By the way, did the "under 26" members of the ordination class get the dispensation, too?

Happy St. Basil's day to all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Walter Principe

P.S. This small slip is to keep under the weight limit.

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March 29, 1953

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Canadian Pontifical College
117 Quattro Fontane
Rome
March 29th, 1953

Dear Father Scollard,

Due to one of your remarks in Father Malley's letter this one is being typed. When I had finished writing the last letter I knew I should have typed it, but it was too late then. I'm sorry I haven't answered sooner, but I had some studying to get caught up on first. Now that the Easter holidays are here, I'll get caught up on the correspondence. To-day being Palm Sunday, I was up at St. John Lateran's for part of the ceremonies. Strictly speaking they are not very impressive; I found that the procession was rather impressive, as the canons filed in the huge main entrance of the Basilica, with the sun lighting up the entire church, but the singing wasn't anything to get excited about, and the canons pretty well come and go as they please. They sing the Passion almost directly facing the people — I suppose it may be because of the presence of a Cardinal in the Sanctuary — they are at the Gospel corner of the altar, facing across the sanctuary towards the epistle side of the altar railing, the Cardinal being

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between the singers and the people on the Gospel side. But I guess you had better not introduce that until we have a Basilian Cardinal.

Father McCorkell hasn't arrived yet but we are expecting him any day. I wish I had a running commentary on their trip — I'm sure it must have been a riot with the two of them. We were both glad to see Father McLuaghlin — he knows Rome well so it is very interesting to go walking with him.

You will remember that I asked you to save that Analytic Hebrew Lexicon for me. I would also like to have one of the two Westminster Atlases of Bible Lands which are in the Seminary, that is if it is possible and not too inconvenient to send it by mail. In case you didn't know there were two, there is one in Father McCorkell's office. Of course, he may object to your taking it; if so, I shall have to get one over here. I am also going to ask Dick Schiefen to look up a few things for me in the boxes I left in the trunk room. It may be possible to make a single parcel of them all. As long as I have them by the end of October, it will be all right, but I thought I had better make arrangements for them now since it takes nearly two months by

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mail and there is so much confusion in the summer and early fall around the Seminary, it might be forgotten. If you do send them early, mark the parcel to be held at the Canadian College. Thanks for the information re books added to the library. When I start getting my texts, etc. this fall, do you think there is any possibility of getting the Seminary discount at the Catholic Book Agency? I'm not sure I will do business there unless I do get a good discount. One of the students at the College has found Orbis Catholicus much cheaper even than the Biblical Institute Book Store.

As I have already told you, I got the Jerusalem Bible but have not got it bound as yet. I think if I wait and everything is bound at once, I shall get a better price -- except for the books which I shall be using continually. Did the Institute have their set of the Jerusalem Bible bound in individual volumes or several together? One of the students here in Scripture, by a stroke of good fortune, managed to pick up all but ten years of the Revue Biblique for \$200. Do you know if it is available in any of the Toronto libraries? I shall have to write my Hebrew Professor at Victoria to find out the merits of the University Library

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in Scripture. I imagine they have all the Protestant works.

I heard you had a very fine conference on Congregational singing. Do you plan to introduce it full scale at the Seminary in the near future!!!! I also heard that you got the communion cloth working without too many broken bones. When I return, I shall have to take a brush-up course before I dare appear on the main altar.

The weather here has been grand for nearly a month. Clear blue skies and a nice warm sun almost every day. It rained once about 2 weeks ago and tried to rain a little yesterday. I hope it stays nice for Father McCorkell's visit. The Pope has not as yet resumed regular audiences, so Father McCorkell's chances are still hanging in the balance. I hope he will not be disappointed. We were down to the Piazza San Pietro last Sunday for his blessing from the Loggia and he appeared in his window afterwards — but there wasn't nearly as big a crowd there as in October and they weren't nearly as noisy — it was the farmers' convention and I think, for a lot of them, it was their first visit to Rome, so that they were rather shy. The University students haven't been that way this past week though. They

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set fire to the British Council Library near the College here last Wednesday (the day before I went to get some Easter reading) and have been demonstrating in the streets on several occasions in opposition to England's action in Trieste. The election date has not as yet been set, but when it is, I imagine the Communists will start the fireworks. The Senate has been in session for three days continually to pass the new electoral law before the election, all the Communists filibustering to prevent a vote. One spoke for nine hours.

How is your Predication class progressing? Did all your plans materialize? I also hear that this year's ordination class are going to be absolutely perfect in their ceremonies. I have heard a lot about Gerry McGuigan's rose garden. Is it still on its way to completion or has it been utterly abandoned? I suppose these questions are a little premature for a people that hasn't yet got through the winter season. Oh, well, when you are enjoying lovely weather in May and June, we shall be sweating it out in Roman heat.

After re-reading that last paragraph, I think I'd better bring this letter to a rapid conclusion or you shall be entertaining doubts about my sanity.

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As a matter of fact I am very well,
and am still enjoying my stay in Rome.
Please give my regards to all, both
staff and students and in your charity
remember us in your masses and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ

Terry.

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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

J. Terence Forestell
June 19, 1953

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4 Fontane 117
Roma, Italia
June 19, 1953

Dear Father Scollard,

It seems now that the exams are over, I'm busier than ever trying to get ready to leave Rome. I hope to get away Monday June 22nd. I wanted to get caught up on my correspondence before leaving, that is while I had the typewriter, so I wouldn't make too many enemies during the summer. Besides I have a little job for you. The other day a student priest from the Gregorian came to see me — he wanted some history on the Basilians in the Mexican Missions, as he was doing a thesis for Canon Law. He also wanted the articles of our constitutions and rule dealing with Mission work — his subject is Missions in Religious Communities without vows but has to go at it through Communities with vows. I can give him the articles of the Constitutions and the Rule but I am incapable of going any further. I intend to write to Father John Collins also who may be able to bring him up to date on the present set-up from the point of view of community life on the Missions, etc. I would appreciate it very much, and I'm sure he would too, if you could send him what information you have on how we got them and how we got into mission work and I think he

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would like a brief preface on the history of the Congregation but not in detail — just enough to give the development on the vows I think would be sufficient. You could then notify Father Collins what you had sent, so that he would not duplicate it. Address of that priest: P. Alfonso Bassan, Corso d'Italia 36, P.I.M.E., Rome.

I hope this won't take too much of your time, but I know you have more slaves than any other member of the community and are always interested in making the Congregation of St. Basil known throughout the world.

I am sending the negatives of the pictures taken at Annonay and will send any more I take which you would find interesting. I don't think you want pictures of confreres wandering around visiting the sights of Europe for that collection!! It may bring in too many vocations from people with big ideas. So long for now. Give my regards to all and have a good summer. Please remember us in your prayers. Thanks for everything.

Yours in Christ,

Terry

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J. Terence Forestell
October 6, 1953

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Via 4 Fontane 117
Roma, Italia
October 6

Dear Father Scollard,

I shall only reply with a note myself, as retreat begins Thursday and I am trying to get things organized for the coming year — and I have no scholastics to run errands for me. We should certainly have both the Dictionnaire and the Supplément, as the Supplément does not repeat all the articles. Provided we get the Supplément the exchange sounds like a good one. I haven't inquired as to what the Dictionnaire is selling for here but I was speaking with a priest who by a stroke of good fortune got it for \$35 recently. Hence I don't think the exchange would be unjust.

Gene and I each got Licentiates in Theology (S.T.L.) last year. Gene continues at the Angelicum and I have switched to the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

I got some pictures of the Basilian summer house at St. Alban sous Sampzon in southern Ardèche which I shall send you shortly. It is called Villa St. Patrice, in honor of Father Molony.

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I had a very enjoyable summer but had better not go into details here. I managed to see and spend some time with all Basilians in Europe although my stay with Freddie <Black> only lasted a day.

By the way, have you discovered yet whether there is a complete set of the Revue Biblique in the vicinity of Toronto? Unless you intend taking out a subscription for the library in the near future, I think I shall ask permission to do so. Please let me know your plans.

You should have seen the Mass servers I had in Austria; they were altar boys from Essen in Germany and their precision and synchronization would have thrilled the cockles of your heart.

Be sure to give my regards to all, but remember that except for paragraph 2, I have no comment for the press. I'll be looking forward to receiving the Annals — about Christmas time!!! Please remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Terry

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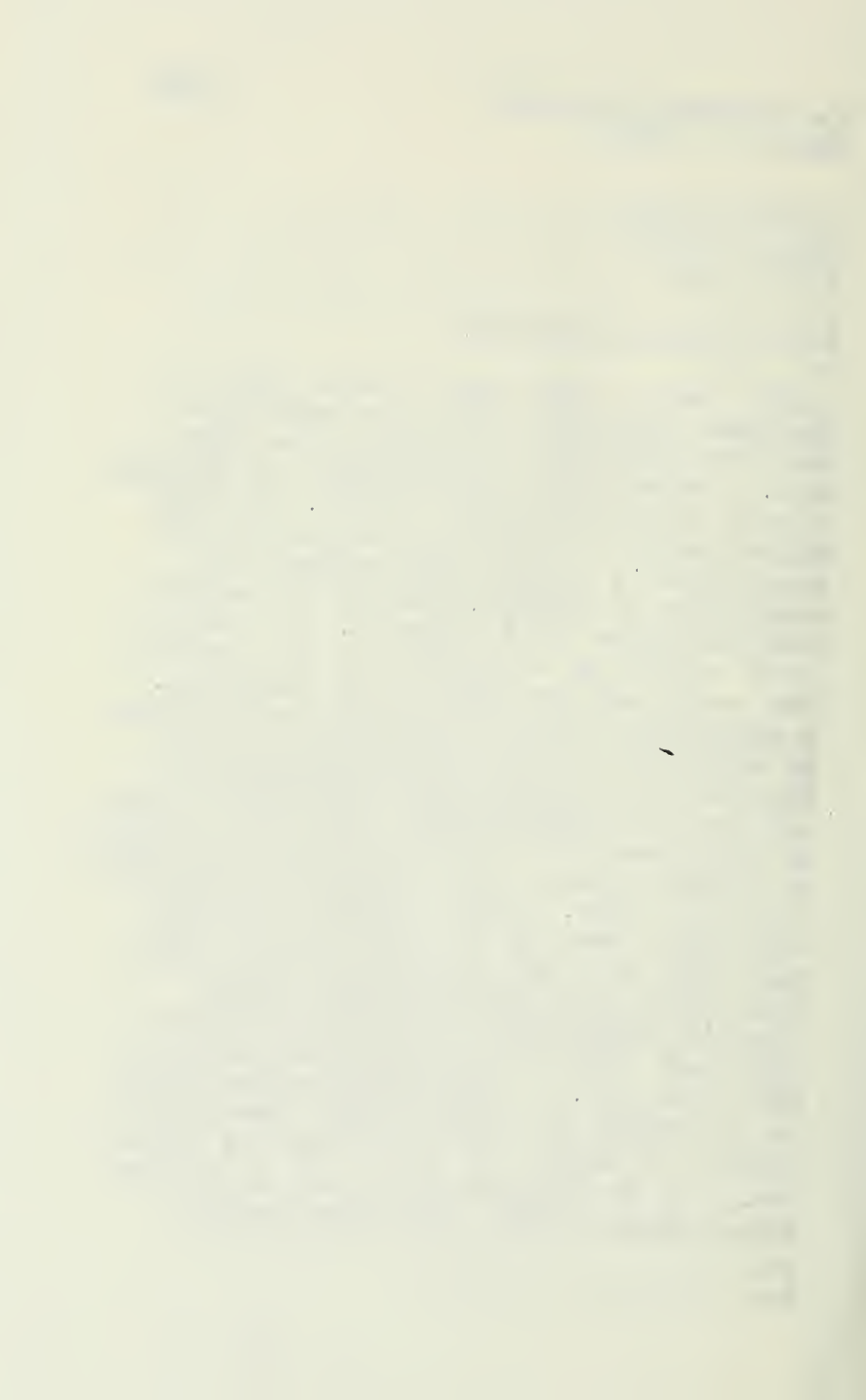
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4 Fontane 117
Roma, Italia
April 7th

Dear Father Scollard,

Again just a just note, since you guessed correctly when you suggested that my time was valuable to me just now. However the opportunity of getting a rare book presented itself. Freddy Black wrote to say that two copies of Mandelkern's Hebrew Concordance are available at Oxford, one at 25 pounds and the other at 15 pounds. He put my name second on the list for the second one — it may be sold to an American. I discussed the advisability of getting it with one of the professors at the Institute — apparently the talk of a new one in preparation is only hearsay. He discussed the matter with yet another professor since they might be interested if we are not. They agreed the price was high, even at 15 pounds, and that the lack of a concordance can be overcome with good dictionaries (also Young's Analytical Concordance which I just had sent me from Oxford helps to fill the gap.) Nevertheless the offer at 15 pounds is still worth consideration. I think the best line to follow would be to inquire if it is available at any one of the libraries on the



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campus; if not, I think it would be worth our while to get it. If it is available anywhere on the campus, I think the price is too high to warrant duplication in view of the fact that its lack can be overcome with other books.

You can strike out Köhler's Hebrew Lexicon from the list I sent you, since Driver is preparing a full revision of the old Brown, Driver and Briggs which we can afford to wait for. This revision is to be distinguished from the minor revision which appeared a few years ago.

The other titles we can discuss this summer and I shall probably bring some more with me. I'll be seeing you soon. Regards to all and Happy Easter.

In Christ,

Terry.

P.S. Let me know your decision re Mandelkern & I shall communicate with Freddy, since I am also acting for the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

P.P.S. The Ritus was sent Monday. You should have it in 4 weeks. I have written a German priest about German reviews.

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Vincent J. Fullerton
May 30, 1953

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<Aquinas Institute
Rochester, N.Y.>
May 30-1953

Dear Bob-

Many thanks for your letters which have arrived since Easter. I fell far short of Wilf Murphy's record. He was 69 days in hospital while I could only make 40. My disease was cellulitis (inflammation of the cells) of the toes on my left foot. Most of the trouble was between the toes and very hard to heal. The log of my experience was:

Apr. 3 - went to Doctor.

Apr. 6 - went to hospital

Apr. 17 - left bed for chair.

Apr. 20 - left hospital

Apr. 21 - started acting up again

Apr. 23 - back to hospital, not in bed this time.

May 16 - allowed to walk on left foot 15 minutes twice a day.

May 17, 18, 19 - increased walking, socks and slippers.

May 20 - returned from hospital.

May 24 - said Mass for first time since April 1.

May 26 - started to teach my 3 Spanish classes from sitting position and in slippers (taxi service to school and return).

Vincent J. Fullerton
May 30, 1953

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May 30 - walked in my shoes for about twenty minutes for first time since before Easter. I think it is licked now but I am still moving around more slowly than normal. Have to use ointment on the feet at night and powder in the day time & wear white socks exclusively. All are well here. As you may have heard Jack is already in Toronto. Fr. <John> Collins was here on Wednesday on way to New York for Mission Exhibition. Bishop Sheen will be here on Thursday for assembly to wind up mission activities. Hope you are ready for a ball game or 2 or 3 or ? this summer. They say the Leafs are pretty good.

Regards to the confreres.

Vin

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Joseph B. Courtney
June 17, 1953

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<Strawberry Island
Lake Simcoe
Jun 17 1953>

Dear Father,

Wish you were here!! Pat and I have thought of you often, strange to say. I hope that the lawn there is as good as the ones here. Ahem, probably not! You have trained Pat well. He had his crew working on the incinerator till 6:30 p.m. yesterday. They missed supper and all. Fr. Kirley gave us your messages. We thank you. Regards from all.

Joe & Pat <Gibbons>

(Transcribed from the postcard of Strawberry Island, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers)

James A. Donlon
September 21, 1953

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The Basilian Fathers
ASSUMPTION CHURCH
2775 London St. West
Windsor, Ontario
Sept 21, 1953

Dear Bob:

Very nice hearing from you and all the news which is interesting. Here at Assumption, we have started on the census and we are losing no time to get this over. The Diocesan drive starts in two weeks and we have a high quota to reach — \$7,000.00 Too high for us. But what can you do when the Bishop speaks.

We have had the privilege of the first visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the diocese since this was the first church. Fr. Moore is accompanying the statue and he will visit every church in the diocese. He will be here until May. We are planting new shrubs on our grounds and under the care of Fr. Norm Murphy and his staff we are brightening up the grounds.

Tough about St. Mike's football team not beating A.C. They had a nice visit and enjoyed the hospitality. Everyone is very well at the College and they are raring to go in the college depart-

James A. Donlon
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ment. There is a lot of enthusiasm
and they will need it to meet the pay-
roll. Say hello to all the friends.

Sincerely,

J.A. Donlon.

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the Basilian Fathers)

James A. Donlon
October 9, 1954

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The Basilian Fathers
ASSUMPTION CHURCH
2775 London St. West
Windsor, Ontario
Oct 9, 1954

Dear Bob:

Sorry that I am a little late in answering your letter. The reason, I wanted to get some news and events that have just taken place. We have recently erected a new statue of the Assumption, the donation of Mr. F.D. Pearson, in honor of his wife. Mr. Pearson is not a Catholic. This statue is the largest of its kind in Ontario. It is made in France and is 9 ft 6 in. The pedestal is 10 ft. high. It is a beautiful addition to our grounds and will be lighted up at night. This is our gift to the Blessed Mother in this Marian year.

On October 8th, the delegate, Antonnelli Panico visited the church in a liturgical reception for all the priests and sisters of Windsor. It was a beautiful ceremony and we had the church well decorated. Fr. Flahiff will give you some idea of the reception because he was present. The delegate was very gracious and charming. We liked him.

James A. Donlon
October 9, 1954

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The only change here on the staff, Bob, is Father Allor. He replaces Father <Daniel>Forestell. Our Mass schedule is 6-7-8-9:15, High Mass, 10:30 and 12:00 on Sundays. Our phone number is still CL 36436. No death announcements.

Fr. Allor and his old clocks are keeping the place alive. There was gloom on the college campus, Arm's team lost a game last week and they were supposed to be unbeatable. The drive for money, which was supposed to take place in the city for the college has fizzled out. Times are tough in Windsor and many families are feeling the pinch. Higgins and a couple more of the High School bigger shots are looking plans over for the new High School. Where they will get the money is a mystery. Our quota on the Diocesan Drive was 7000 and we got 5000 which is fairly good.

We are starting a mission here on Oct. 17th. Frs. Chidlow and Coyne from Toronto are preaching it. I hope it is a big success. Well Bob keep up the good work and will write later when we get more news.

Sincerely,

J.A. Donlon

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Daniel V. Bruns
September 22, 1953

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<Catholic Central
Detroit, Michigan
Sept. 22, 1953>

Dear Bob:

I am occupying the room here formerly occupied by Bill Sheehan and before that by Father McGee, and among other things belonging to both left in the room were numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Vol. 1 of the Basilian Annals. I will save them for you. I haven't found out if there are any others around or not.

I started my graduate work last Thurs. night. It is strange to be sitting in class again. I am taking only one course, "Theory of Equations" as my "part time" schedule is not much different from the full time schedules.

The contractors building the new residence still say they will be finished by the end of October, but there is not much hopes of getting in before Xmas. Until then the staff will continue to roll in the "Orange crate" between 121 E. Boston and the school.

At a luncheon at Veterans Memorial Bldg., on Sept. 10th, attended by 160 business men of Detroit, \$82,000 worth of tickets for Boys' Town vs. Catholic Central Game on Oct. 16th at Briggs' Stadium, were sold in 35 minutes.

Daniel V. Burns
September 22, 1953

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During the past summer Father French's Little Bigger League Baseball team won the Detroit City Championship. This team is made up of Eighth Grade students who are starting as Freshmen at Catholic Central this Fall.

God bless you.

Dan Burns, CSB

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John A. Warren
September 23, 1953

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RCAF Station
London, Ont.
Sept. 23rd

Dear Bob:

You asked me, when I last saw you, to send you my address. The above is it for the time being. According to regulations, I should be on course here until Nov. 7th when I shall proceed to the RCAF Station at Clinton, Ont. You can consider this latter station my permanent address. I'm looking after it every weekend, and there is a remote possibility of my being transferred there in three weeks instead of six.

Would you send me Fr. Alphonse Malone's address? And, let me know what possibility there is of my getting good books from your library regularly. (to be returned, of course). I'm interested in reading — after I'm at Clinton — "Catholicism and the Changing World". I may be in error as to the title, but I think you'll know what I mean. Also the "Companion to the Summa², and Thilly's History of Philosophy. The latter I can use anytime. I want to refute a pagan instructor we have here on some facts.

All goes well, the present phase of our basic training is super-ultra-elementary and much could be dismissed with a nod. The drill is the most interesting of all but raises hob with the arches and corns.

John A. Warren
September 23, 1953

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Two more priests came in this weekend; that will make five of us for a while, resulting in a scramble for the altar.

Am looking forward to "Graduation Day" on Nov. 6th and transfer to Clinton. The graduation exercise is a real affair — parade, band and lots of fanfare.

Hope you can swing the book deal for me. I'll cover whatever postage costs you incur.

Keep the faith — don't send any shredded wheat with books.

Sincerely,

Jack Warren

P.S. Gobs of ice cream at lunch and dinner every day.

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John A. Warren
June 4, 1954

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Department of National Defence
Royal Canadian Air Force
Clinton, Ontario.
4 June 1954.
No. 43-2 (Chap/RC)

Rev. R.S. Scollard, C.S.B.,
St. Basil's Seminary,
95 St. Joseph Street,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Bob:

I am seeking information from an expert librarian. We are trying to build up a bit of a library here in our chapel and I knew that I could depend on you to suggest some suitable books. We could use some good fiction along with something informative. For my own information I would like historical information on the Reformation period and particularly some enlightenment on the Church's tribulations during that time, especially under good Queen Bess.

Can you also give me the addresses of the Canadian houses that handle Sheed and Ward and other American publications?

One more item — the address of St. Mildred's College for girls. Seems to me it is around Walmer Road.

Things are marching along pretty well here; instructions, to both young and

John A. Warren
June 4, 1954

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old, take considerable time and help to keep me in the teaching picture. Do not know when I will be able to pop down to Toronto — the CO is taking a dim view of 48 hours passes, so it looks as if I am on a 168 hour-a-week schedule.

I hope the above request for information will not cause any inconvenience; but then, you have secretaries, I suppose, for such menial tasks?

Best regards,

Jack

(J.A. Warre) F/L
Station Chaplain (RC)

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James J. Murphy
September 30, 1953

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St. Mary's Church
Owen Sound, Ontario
Sept, 30th. 1953

Dear Bob:-

Just a few lines in answer to your recent letter about material for the Annals. I am afraid that there is not much if anything that would be of any value to you. However, I will jot down a few facts and maybe you can use them.

In regard to the time of Masses in Owen Sound Father Lyons has not yet decided that point and as he is on vacation I cannot ask him at present. He does not know what to do as Father Bannon as you know is not well and is a very uncertain quantity as to be able to say Mass every day. It is very likely that the Masses in Owen Sound on week day mornings will remain as they are that is 7, 7.30 and eight o'clock. On Sundays there will very likely be an extra Mass which will makes the Masses on Sunday 8, 9, and eleven o'clock.

In regard to other changes around the parish, St. Mary's in Owen Sound has a new grade school consisting of two new class rooms, Principal's office and an office for the visiting nurse. The new school will be blessed on Sunday after-

James J. Murphy
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noon, October 18th at two o'clock by the Bishop and immediately after there will be Confirmation.

There has been some activities at the Missions during the past year. I will mention a few of them. At St. Michael's of the Irish Block the old driving shed was torn down and the new driving shed was renovated and electric lights put in so that it can be used for bingo and other parish doings.

At St. Thomas, Wiarton, new cement walk and a new cement wall in front of the church was built and the outside of the church was painted.

At Hepworth, St. Mary's, a new sacristy is being built and will be finished in a few eeks.

At St. Vincent's, Meaford, a new floor was laid, also new doors and the outside of the church was painted.

At. St. Patrick's, Southampton, a new confessional was built.

At St. Stanislaus in Chatsworth, a new cement walk and steps and a new confessional was built.

At St. Mary's in Owen Sound the sacristy was entirely remodelled and a new baptistry was built.

James J. Murphy
Sept ember 30, 1953

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Since last year Fathers Cy Howard and Murray Bannon have been added to our staff. This coupled with the fact that Father Batty did not like the idea of going to Texas has made of this house a *Domus Formata*, I guess that I have spelled that right although I am not too sure as I do not know much Latin.

I am sorry Bob but I have not been able to find any sermons by Father Roche. I have been on the look out for some trace of them ever since I have been here but up to date I have not been lucky enough to find one. I considered him a great preacher and I would like to know something of his style and elegance.

In regard to the pictures I have turned that job over to Father Cy Howard and he reports that there is none of that type to be had.

Well Bob I guess that I have given you all that would be of any interest to the confreres. However, if I can help you in any way, I will be very glad to do it.

Regards to all the confreres at the Seminary.

Sincerely yours in Xyo

Jim Murphy

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James J. Murphy
September 22, 1954

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St. Mary's Church
Owen Sound, Ontario
Sept 22nd. 1954.

Dear Bob:-

Just a line in answer to your recent letter which I am afraid that you are going to be disappointed with as there has not been much news of a startling nature around Owen Sound during the last year.

First of all Cy Howard became a Captain in the Army and is now stationed at Camp Borden. Father Bernie O'Donnell moved up from Amherstburg to take Cy's place on the Owen Sound staff.

St. Mary's Garden Party was a howling success under the capable direction of Father James Keon. This year the party lasted for two evenings as compared with one evening from the time of tis inception.

All the different makes of television were given a good workout at St. Mary's Rectory during the past year. It has been reported that one dealer spent some time in the hospital after the workouts which were carried on under Father Batty's supervision.

James J. Murphy
September 22, 1954

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St. Mary's Church is now being re-decorated, a 10,000 dollar job which will make it one of the finest small churches in the Province of Ontario.

All the mission churches have been repaired by a special crew of men from Hamilton, appointed by the Bishop for that purpose; at Hepworth, Meaford and the Irish Block the wood work on the outside and the steeples were painted.

The grounds around St. Mary's school have been levelled, sodded, and a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Mother erected, the last being a gift of students who had graduated from there.

Father <John> Sullivan who has not been feeling very well for some time is much improved in health.

The play ground at St. Mary's School has been levelled off and the stones taken away which makes it a much better playground.

It has been reported that Fr. Batty has at last caught one fish after five years of trying.

A few of our recent visitors: the four Mallon brothers, Frs. Cullinane, Pat Lewis, Art O'Leary, John Collins, W. Roach, Frank Kelly, Charles Kelly, H.

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Coughlin, J. Coughlin, John Kelly,
Ralph Koehler, J. Wey, T. Forestell,
C. Armstrong, J. Stapleton, John Wilson,
Cy Carter, A. Record, E. Flannagan,
J. Timmons, G. McAlpine, J. Dorsey, and
many others.

The Mass schedules were the same as last
year. Well Bob if you can use any of
this alright, if you can't just throw
in in the waste paper basket.

Sincerely yours in Xto

J.J. Murphy, C.S.B.

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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

Norbert J. Ruth
October 4, 1953

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Assumption College
Office of the Dean
Oct. 4, 1953.

Dear Father Scollard:

Your note of September 30th is hereby acknowledged. I am enclosing a revised list of the scholastics and the year and the course of study that they are at present pursuing. There are only a few changes from your listing, and I have noted these. Since we are now offering both the B.A. and the B.Sc. and the B. Comm. degrees I thought it better to list which were proceeding to which degree and what was their field of concentration.

Regarding the year changes: They are listed in I year if they have not completed at least the equivalent of two-thirds of our first year requirements. (Thus McReavy) And in III year if they have not fulfilling the requirements for graduation this year. (Thus Brown)

Your message has been delivered to Father <Frank> Mallon re the news for the Basilian Annals. He murmured something about having a lot of work on hand and not knowing when he would be

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able to get at this, but promised to think about it.

The telephone numbers for Catholic Central are: for the residence on Boston Blvd: TAlbot 8-2166; for the new school on Outer Dr: DIamond 1-2547.

Will there be many on the staff of the Seminary who resign rather than take the oath against Modernism? The dean would put in the same regulation here for the philosophy staff but for fear of losing those understand the words they say, and having no effect on the others. Besides I am giving one course in Philosophy myself this year.

Registration is heavy; an increase of 10% over last year, among the full time students.

Best wishes to all the confreres

Sincerely yours.

N.J. Ruth, C.S.B.

P.S. There is an important item for the Annals that you did not enquire about. Each year you have listed Assumption College as "Established 1870". This date is not only incorrect historically, but is locally resented.

Norbert J. Ruth
October 4, 1953

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The charter we have just received is but a revision of the original charter of 1858. You may say either: "Conducted by the Basilian Fathers 1857-58 and since 1870", or, "Established 1857".

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Patrick O. Braden
October 5, 1953

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The Newman Club
2010 University Ave.
Austin, Texas
Oct. 5, 1953

Dear Father Scollard,

The address that you have for me is correct; apparently they do not use postal zones in this city. My telephone number is 2-5253.

Thanks for the outline news of your and the Seminary activities. Also I would like to thank you for a letter received early in the summer. You then thanked me for "the slides". I presume that those were the ones of Don McCarthy's of which had some duplicates made and which Gene Heyck picked up for me. Then in a P.S. you asked me to send all the slides I could. Since I did not know just what you had in mind and due to the distractions of the summer I have neglected to do anything about this. If you will let me know what kind of slides you want and the conditions under which I can get them back I'll be glad to see what I can do.

Things here seem to be under control, and the prospects seem good. I have been well received by everyone, the university and the local clergy, and a matter of fact feel more at home

Patrick O. Braden
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here in the Black than I ever did around
the U of Toronto.

Please remember me to my friends and
benefactors in that area, and don't
forget the graduate students in your
prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pat Braden

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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

Charles Roume
October 7, 1953

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Annonay, le 7 octobre 1953

Cher Père Scollard,

On vient d'éditer des vues aériennes d'Annonay et il se trouve que le Collège s'y trouve représenté d'une manière intéressante. Je vous en envoie donc tout de suite un exemplaire pour les Archives de la Congrégation. J'y joins une feuille découpé de telle sorte qu'en la pesant sur la photographie vous n'avez plus que la propriété du Collège, un peu incomplète sur la gauche.

Au premier plan, la Maison St. Joseph, comme vous l'expliquerent ceux qui l'ont vue, et notre jardin, dont on pourrait presque compter les salades et les choux.

Vous avez maintenant au Séminaire les deux étudiants parisiens qui ont dû revoir Toronto avec plaisir après une si longue absence. Nous les avons vus partir avec beaucoup de regret. Leurs successeurs à la Sorbonne, le P. Donovan et le P. Kirley ne sont pas encore venus nous rendre visite. Les Basiliens nous apporteront bientôt des nouvelles de toute la Communauté. En attendant, il y a toujours quelque lettre de confrère pour nous en donner. Je rest bien fidelement vôtre en Xto.

C. Roume, CSB

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John B. Janisse
October 13, 1953

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
October the 13th

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thank you very much for the booklists you sent. I was very glad to hear from you and to see that the high standards of the library are being kept up. However, I must admit that the booklists put out here were almos entirely the work of Mrs. Haddow and Bill Dollar who does the typing and is very good at it. About all I did was help catalogue some of the books that appear on the list. Mrs. Haddow and Bill Dollar worked almost all summer and so were able to get out two or three hundred books during that time. It's a good thing they did because now that the students are here there is a lot of other details to look after as you so very well know.

This year besides Mrs. Haddow, Miss Roddy, Bill Dollar and myself there is a Mrs. Fallon working in the library and a Miss Ruth Hyghe, or something like that, a student who works part time.

Also this year as you know I am in charge of a Flat and it reminds me of the days back in House 10, especially so when I see Mark Wiant around the campus once in a while. Mark is on the

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Student Council this year you know, representing the Junior Year I guess. Fr. Pappert laughed when I quoted the part of your letter about regards to any friends you might have left at A.C.

Too bad I didn't write sooner as I have been asked to make up a list of books to be ordered for the Priests' Library. However, I have been looking over back copies of reading-lists from the Seminary and St. Thomas University and have found them very useful.

The other day I was looking for my Breviary in the Priests' Community Room and someone asked me what I was looking for so I told them my Breviary. So Bishop Nelligan said he thought he had seen it around "a couple of days ago." Honest though I've been saying it oftener than that.

Regards to Roland. Tell him I'll write soon (I hope). Regards likewise to Bernie Black, Art Roberts & Bob Williams, Bill Irwin.

John

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John B. Janisse
March 30, 1954

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
March 30th

Dear Fr. Scollard,

The school year is really rolling along and Easter will be here before we know it. And then comes summer and that's what I'm writing to you about. I asked Fr. LeBel for permission to go to summer school and he said it was all right here but I would have to get permission from Fr. McCorkell. So I wrote him and he gave his permission. So that seems fine. All I need now is the O.K. from the Library Board here and I'll be all set.

But anyhow I wrote to the Dean of Graduate Studies at Michigan for an application blank today. Miss Roddy here is going to Michigan summer school, so she got a calendar and I think I'd like to take L.C. Cataloguing, Advanced Problems in Cataloguing, Administration of College Libraries and Library Planning. That should make up eight hours' credits (16 hrs. a week)

You mentioned when I was speaking to you about Summer School that you didn't think I should try for a degree in Library Science but rather should try for one in Philosophy here at Assumption. Was the reason that my record wasn't so

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spectacular at U of T and therefore Michigan wouldn't accept me as a degree candidate or at least wouldn't consider that I should do too well at their school? I guess I'll have to have my mind made up before applying at Michigan as to whether I will want to go for a degree or not. Regarding where to stay, I will ask Fr. Mulvihill if he knows of a place.

Then regarding the fact that I failed a couple of courses at U of T, it seems to me that they will know that at Michigan, so would you think I should be open about it or else more or else not be naive about the matter. Remember the uproar I caused when first going to U of T when I mentioned I hadn't done so well in teaching.

So thank you very much Father. I thought I should discuss the matter with someone and you seemed the logical one. I talked the matter over with Mrs. Hadow also.

Yours in Christ

John

Regards to Roland, Larry & Leo.

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Alfred P. Caird
October 20, 1953

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University of St. Thomas
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
October 20, 1953, 2:00 p.m.

Dear Bob:

This is no time to be answering letters seeking for information, but in case Fr. Haffey didn't give it to you and you can still sneak it in (or still need it) — Preacher, Rev. Harry S. Smith, C.S.S.R. (retreat was through week of June 1-6). Pat Braden, 2010 University Ave., Austin, Texas. With a switchboard installed one only has to use one number to get any phone on the campus or get the residences, Lynchburg 9148. Night, Sunday and Holidays our house phone is Lynchburg 2452 and the University Bldg itself, Lynchburg 2770.

As far as the library building itself here is concerned we seem certainly committed to build one; I guess they are drawing what they call the engineers plans and then they can start. You can't put this in the Annals, but the house library is pretty horrible. I guess there is partially fear of duplicating what is in the University Library with the result that in neither place are the books aimed specifically

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at priests, and a collection of books on theology and canon law.

Everything else seems to be going quite well. Fr. John Meyer is up and around but beyond saying Mass and Office he cannot do any amount of work. He comes over to school each day for a few hours and looks the situation over.

You ought to get a while off and come down here (or perhaps you did and decided to retire to the North). Besides the library, there are gardens and shrubs and flowering trees that could stand an experienced hand.

Please accept my apologies for the neglect and delay in writing. Perhaps it would be better if I simply sent a series of postcards through the year.

At the writing, the last I have heard, Fr. Joe Dillon is very low and has been given only a few days. His heart is giving out. Fr. O'Rourke is better.

Sincerely in Christ,

Alfred P. Caird, C.S.B.

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James W. Embser
November 14, 1953

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The Novitiate
402 Augustine St.
Rochester 13, New York
Nov. 14, 1953

Dear Bob,

There are three purposes for this note. May I thank you for those lists you send us giving the names of books which make up a Catholic library. We can get only some but feel we are getting the right ones, when we find them on your list.

Secondly, I am interested in getting data together to compose an article on Joe Dillon for the Annals if you appoint me. If you have asked another it is o.k. but we were good friends and I would like to do it. It would entail several letters for material, so should you want me to do it, you might let me know. It would be a labor of love. You surely do that job well. It is hard to find a mistake in the printing.

Lastly, I address the only Basilian I know who knows anything about Liturgy and Rubrics. Our altar here at Benediction is as pictured: 6 high candles on the altar, two seven branch candle sticks on two pedestals, one on each side. Fr. Sacristan tells me it is o.k.

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November 14, 1953

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(Fr. Tevlin) others question it (one other), not the Superior. It has troubled me a little. The novices prefer the arrangement. Should we go on in good faith — that all is well? Where can I find anything in print? Do the branch candlesticks have to be on the table of the altar or will 6 there suffice.

The last request. Do your part to put Christ back into Christmas. Come over and see John Fisher Library. God bless you.

Devotedly in Our Lord

James W. Embser.

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John F. Collins
January 16, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
MEXICAN MISSION CENTER
P.O. Box 966
Rosenberg, Texas
January 16, 1954

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Bob:

Under separate cover I am sending you a few copies of Spanish periodicals. You may be able to find one that is suitable for the library.

Father O'Loughlin would like to get the book on Liturgy and the books on Christus back.

I just returned from Mexico City where I had the honor of preaching at the great Basilica on the occasion of the Nuns' (Catechists of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary) final approbation of their Constitution. Father Max Murphy sang the High Mass. It was really a unique privilege and honor.

If the periodicals don't fit the bill there are a number of other possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

John

John Collins, C.S.B.

John F. Collins
February 12, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
MEXICAN MISSION CENTER
P.O. Box 966
Rosenberg, Texas
February 12, 1954

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, Canada

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for the letter and also for returning the magazines and papers. I am not familiar with the magazine called AMERICAS but I am sure that Ralph O'Loughlin is and could very easily get it for us.

At the present time there is no word of the General's having arrived. Father <John> Glavin said that he would probably arrive Saturday or Sunday.

I was certainly glad to hear that Ed Hartmann's condition is not serious.

I was also glad to learn that Vinne was able to arrange his New York dates so that he could get some enjoyment out of it and not all work.

We are well under way with the addition to our church here at Rosenberg and if the good weather continues, we should

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get to the stage where the weather won't affect us any.

Father Ritz is doing well at Spanish and I am sure has not forgotten his French. He is really a wonderful asset to the Missions and I hope that he will be able to stay here for some time.

I shall save the extra copies of the Annals that we have and when you need them just drop me a line.

As ever,

John

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E. Carlisle LeBel
February 4, 1954

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Assumption College
Office of the President
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Feb. 4, 1954

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.
St. Basil's Seminary,
95 St. Joseph St,
Toronto 5, Ontario

Dear Father Bob:

Just a note to thank you for your interest and help on the statistics for "The Catholic Church in Canada". I appreciated this very much.

You will be glad to know that Father Hartmann returned from the hospital and will begin teaching next week. The doctor diagnosed the case as a gastric ulcer which could be controlled by a bland diet. Ed is in good humour and apart from complaining about no smoking and no cocktails, he anticipates living to be one hundred.

Soliciting your prayers for us, I am

Sincerely,
E.C.LeBel, CSB

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Edward J. Hartmann
March 2, 1954

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
March 2, 1954

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your kind solicitousness concerning my current state of health. As Fr. LeBel's report indicated, the ulcer seems to be responding to the "bland diet" treatment. At least, there have been no further outbreaks or nocturnal collapses. It has been somewhat like a month's head start on Lent, and I'm rather glad the penitential season has arrived, so that I won't feel quite so isolated in my enforced mortifications. I really don't mind the restrictions on food and drink, but I am finding the non-smoking difficult to endure. In fact, I'm hoping that after the next examination the doctor will ease up on that phase of the diet. Or, maybe I'm just reaching the age and state in which I'll have to take periodical vacations in Connecticut or Florida!

Welcome to the ranks of the English teachers. I perused the article you mentioned, and I am sure that it would make Sir Ernest's hair stand out on end. However, I fancy that the probability of his reading the H and P Review is more than a little remote. I hope you succeed in teaching your charges how to write. In my twenty-

Edward J. Hartmann
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four years of trying, the results have been negligible. I've just about decided that either they're born with the talent or they just never acquire it.

The time seems to be approaching when I'll be in the market for a new set of breviaries. Please let me know the results of your latest researches in that field. The only ones I've seen advertised lately are the Benziger editions. But I'm sure you will have made discoveries worthy of consideration.

I observe that St. Mike's has made overtures for an addition to tis charter. I'm rather surprised, in view of the furore that went on around there when we were dickering for ours. We got the impression that the Toronto crowd thought we were starting a new schism in the Church. However, we're very happy that our pioneering has shown them the way! It will save us from making them an affiliated college!

I met two of our classmates at a public lecture here the other night — Helen Oughlin and Hilda Long. I would give it as my considered opinion that the years have been kinder to the male members of '28 than they have to the distaff side. They are both teaching in Windsor high schools. Joe Ord was

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March 2, 1954

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also present. It was Garv's lecture
on AN INTEGRAL PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION.
Joe is principal of Lowe Vocational
School here.

Best regards to all the confreres,
especially to Wilf Dwyer.

Sincerely,

Ed.

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posited in the general archives of
the Basilian Fathers)

Edward J. Hartmann
September 28, 1954

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Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario, Canada
September 28, 1954

Dear Bob:

First of all, belated congratulations on your elevation to the secretariat. I was delighted that you received the appointment, particularly since I know that at last the regime of Community secrets, which you so long decried, has come to its end. I am eagerly awaiting a full report of all the deliberations held since the Chapter.

I enclose what information I have been able to glean. Peter Swan is not ready with his final figures, and views with alarm your early request. At present the full-time day students number 573. If you will give me an absolutely final dead-line, I will send whatever figures we have at that time. Peter is also alarmed that you ask only for our Arts figures. What about the Commerce and Science???

I am sure you will be interested in some of the new local appointments, especially Pappert's. He is a new man since he was thrown into student activities. I'm just back where I was eight years ago. Rather slow progress. I think your necrology is complete.

Edward J. Hartmann
September 28, 1954

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Probably the biggest single piece of news for the past year was our first convocation. Rather than try to type out the salient features of it, I am sending all the documents and press clippings pertaining to it so that you can make a judicious selection of the details. I suggest that you make particular mention of the first Beadle in the history of our colleges. Maybe you hadn't better mention that three of the Alumni Award winners have since died. It might make people hesitate to accept them. You will know more than I do about the current state of the University of Windsor deal, so I'll omit mention of that in the news.

I seem to have conquered the ulcer. I taught summer school and then had a fairly good rest at home. As long as the deaning doesn't get me down, I ought to make out all right this year.

All the best to everyone,

Ed.

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Edward J. Hartmann
October 18, 1954

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<Assumption College
Windsor, Ontario>
October 18, 1954

Dear Bob:

I enclose the latest available figures of the college registration. Actually I got them about a week ago, but put them aside and forgot them until now. I trust I haven't held up the presses and that the Annals will be thrust upon an expectant world in due course.

There hasn't been any significant building during the past year. Dick <Wood> had a few more rooms dug out of the unfinished part of the cellar beneath the Chapel wing and finished for storing records. It involved painting out generations of names chalked on the walls of the former romantic passageways.

I checked with Jakie <Donlon> and Frank McCarty and Vi <McIntyre>, but found that they had already forwarded their news. Your news about this end of the community ought to be quite complete.

As far as we were able to learn from Garv and Dan Dan Mulvihill the floods didn't reach Queen's Park. We were disappointed that the papers contained no

Edward J. Hartmann
October 18, 1954

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reports of heroic rescue work by Basilians, as did the Texas papers after the Texas City explosions a few years ago.

There's new life in Pappy's old bones since he got thrust into student activities. Also he 's on the morning devotionsprogram of CBE all this week. It's too bad you can't listen in and send him some fan mail. I don't find the deaning too hard after all, except that it involves living near the H.S. section, and that brings a few noisy periods at times.

It looks like a hard winter coming up here, with the Ford strike apparently due for a long term. I've been telling Garv he ought to be settling it instead of fiddling around with educational conventions.

Best wishes to all the confreres.

Ed.

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Kevin J. Kirley
March 21, 1954

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<36 rue Guilleminot
Paris 14e, France>
March 21, 1954

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Please receive a belated answer to two good letters and a copy of the Annals, for all of which I want to thank you very sincerely. News about home and the confreres is more eagerly read than I could ever hope to tell you, and my one wish is that you will find time again to bring me up to date on things.

Your last letter arrived unfortunately about two or three hours late. Dick and Fr. McLaughlin had just boarded the train for Annonay, the former without his camera. When I told him of your request for coloured pictures on his return a few days later he felt very badly since he apparently could have taken some very good shots, the weather being ideal during his visit. But we will keep it in mind from now on, and should the occasion come about again we will do our best to provide you with a few interesting views of Basilian premises. Since you are also in the market for black and white negatives, I may be able to help you out there, since the Kodak my sister lent me takes fairly clear snaps.

Kevin J. Kirley
March 21, 1954

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Your mention of the heated discussions on the priest-worker problem doesn't really surprise me, having been through a month or more of even hotter discussions over here on the same topic. The papers were full of it day after day for weeks; and my own interest having been aroused by it all I managed to cut out a few pertinent articles now and again to read at leisure when I have more time. Many uncomplimentary things were said of Rome here at our table, and indeed of the French hierarchy too. My ears tingled and eyes popped at some of the remarks heard and read, but I guess even that can be educational to a degree. I have a hunch that many of these statements were made in the heat of French temper, and that in time the reliable periodicals will publish the whole affair seen in the proper perspective.

Life is very interesting so far over here, and in many ways very enlightening. My courses do not leave me as much time as I should like for the pursuit of what we might call "extra-curricular interests", all in the line of culture, of course! However, Dick and I have managed to get around to most of the historical spots, to the Louvre and the Comédie-française a few times, and to the more outstanding sub-

Kevin J. Kirley
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urbs occasionally. I must confess that we pay a rather dear price for these opportunities, however. I refer to our living conditions at 36 Guillemint. They are rugged, to say the least. I never put in such a winter in my life. I sometimes wish I had the combined talent of Charles Dickens and Honoré de Balzac in order to turn out a 1000 page descriptive novel that I am sure would be a best seller in no time. I hope my impressions will not fade with time so that I can tell you all about existence here when I come back. Something tells me they will not fade much they are imprinted in indelible colours.

The most recent development is the breakdown of our shower. If Mike <Sheehan> or Walt <Principe> have not already described its peculiar arrangement to you, you must get them to, for it is altogether ex hoc saeculo. Or I should say "was"; it just isn't anymore. Something snapped during the cold spell and wrecked the gas heater which seems to have been the very essence of the system. In any case I now take a bath in a little tub I bought earlier in the year for washing my socks. Incidents such as this make me think the old Basilian form of life is not wholly a thing of the past. More than once already I have been seen going down the

Kevin J. Kirely
March 21, 1954

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hall here with an axe in my hand, though not chasing anyone, (not yet)!, just coming rather from splitting some wood for my stove. Well, I better not ramble on like this, or you will think I am entirely out of kilter, which is not really the case, (not yet!). Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin J. Kirley, C.S.B.

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Kevin J. Kirley
October 13, 1954

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Maison St-Joseph
Annonay, Ardèche, France
Wednesday October 13, 1954

Dear Fr. Scollard,

Thanks very much for the copy of the Chapter's decisions and for your own very interesting letter. They were waiting for me when we arrived last night from Paris. I will see to it that the other confreres in France see whatever you send and also that it will be kept safely or destroyed after, as you mentioned.

Dick Donovan, Wally & I set out on the 11:35 a.m. train from Paris and got to Lyons about 5 p.m., waited till 6:15 p.m. for the bus to Annonay and arrived here about 9 p.m. Frs. Roume and Robert were waiting for us with their new Peugeot station wagon and brought us up the hill to the residence in no time and to a fine steak supper that we welcomed as heartily as the Fathers had welcomed us. So I can hardly give you any impressions of Annonay for we have really only seen its lights so far, but we were very graciously received upon arrival and treated to a good round of Kirsch in the Superior's room before retiring. Our rooms are a

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good size, well lighted by a big window that overlooks the garden, the valley beyond and the wooded hills that make the horizon to the southwest. Our furniture is not luxurious but quite adequate; there is a wash basin on the wall and a cold water tap on it. As far as I can see there is no way of heating water, so the electric razor will come in handy. The house and surroundings are wonderfully quiet after the year of racket and din in Paris. In fact, I was reminded of my home this morning during meditation when a rooster crowed somewhere in the distance and was answered by another lad on the property.

Today we are taking a drive to see St-Basile and St-Symphorien and tomorrow back to Lyons for registration arrangements. Dick intends to go on to Spain for the remainder of his manuscript hunt in the Sapanish cathedral libraries.

Thanks for bringing Sr. Celestine's anniversary to my attention. I'll try and get a line off to her today. Am looking forward to seeing the Annals; in that regard there is no telephone here. By the way, could you indicate that those numbers are for the telephone, e.g. Tel. Sign.13-44? A surprising number of my letters last year bore that as part of the address!

Kevin J. Kirely
October 13, 1954

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Frs. Bondy and Welty will certainly be in our prayers. Should you see them, please assure them of the same.

I hope you will keep us in yours also for we will need a lot of grace to make up for our deficiencies.

Hope you will find time to write again.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Kevin.

P.S. Congratulations on your new appointment. Any overtones in your letters now will take on a new significance.

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Kevin J. Kirley
October 16, 1954

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Maison St-Joseph,
Route de la Californie,
Annonay, (Ardèche), France.
October 16, 1954.

Dear Fr.Scollard,

Your letter took five days to arrive, and here is an answer by return mail which will likely take as long. Thank you for writing and giving me all the latest news; it is good to hear from the confreres back home, not only for us but for the rest of the Community here who are very interested in everything we have to tell them about the Basilians in Canada.

The above address is exact for here, and as I mentioned in the other letter, there is no telephone. By the way, "Ardèche" bears a `grave accent, not a ^circumflex. Should you wish the address in Lyons it is Foyer Sacerdotal, 5 rue Henri IV, Lyon, France. Fr. <Leo> Klem is at the address you mentioned, 32 rue de Babylone, but Bill <Young> and Dick <Donovan> are at 1 rue Jean Dolent, Paris, XI^{Ve}.

Do you think it would be possible to send over 10 or so copies of that little leaflet with the Miserere on it in the new version? When we mentioned that we didn't know the M. in the old psalter

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Fr. Roume the very next day changed to the toher, but hadn't copies enough for everyone. If it is not too inconvenient for you to mail them they would help out here in that little matter.

Sorry to write such a short letter.
Next time it will be longer.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Kevin.

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Kevin J. Kirley
December 5, 1954

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<Maison St-Joseph
Annonay, France>
December 5, 1954

Dear Fr. Scollard,

The long-looked for Annals were waiting for us when we returned from Lyon Friday night and I think we read them almost immediately from cover to cover. They are well done and please accept my congratulations. It might have been preferable if you had put us in "Modern Languages" instead of English for our course is called "Langues vivantes"; besides English we are doing French and in my case, Italian, in Wally's, Spanish. However, the major subject is English so on that account it is justified. Nov. 21 I had a picture taken of all the Basilians together, the first time since our arrival; unfortunately the person that took it snapped it before everyone was ready with the result that two men are not visible, or scarcely so. But if you would like to have it, I will send it along and also one or two of the juniors that Wally took which are quite good.

They have all the Revue du clergé here, right from the beginning, and in many cases two copies; so tell us specifically what numbers you are lacking and

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we will try to send them over; also the other reviews you mentioned. My Aunt who donated the Catholic Encyclopedia is quite ill in Lindsay; perhaps you could remember her in your prayers.

Merry Christmas,

In Our Lord,

Kevin.

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P. Wallace Platt
December 5, 1954

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Annonay
Sunday. Dec 5/54.

Dear Father,

The Annals arrived in good order and Kevin and I want to say "Thanks" and "Congratulations" on a splendid job. I wasn't surprised to see Fr. Pokriefka in there. I knew you'd do it; I was interested to see how. The new type is an improvement, the pictures are first class, especially Carr Hall and St. Thomas Library. The colour, of course, is appropriate and a good souvenir of the Marian Year. Fr. Roume was very pleased, too.

In the Library here Fr. Roume found the Amer. Eccl. Review for 1889, Vol. I, No. 1, and said you would be welcome to it if you so wished. If you do want it, could you give me mailing instructions to insure safe transit. (Vol. contains whole year indexed; banned in England)

Kevin and I would be interested in knowing too if there is anything we can do in the way of photos or information that would be of assistance or interest to you. Both of us have taken a number of snaps in and around, some of them not bad. If you have any ideas on this please let us know.

P. Wallace Platt
December 5, 1954

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We received word of Father Rivard's father's death and of Bernard Black's sickness. Hope he is okay now.

Who's the President of the Institute?

Kindest regards to all the confreres and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ,

Wally.

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Francis E. Maonaghan
May 26, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
3812 Montrose Boulevard
Houston 6, Texas
May 26th

Dear Bob.

My but it was good to get your letter. You will never realize the repercussions any letter from Toronto creates in the outhouses. Speculations being long before the letter is opened.

You are correct about the Mus Bac. They wrote me in February almost begging me to complete the degree. I received official word of success yesterday morning from Toronto.

I am making preparations for a dinner tomorrow nite at the house — expect 46 — includes high school & parish. This is the first time in seven years we have ever had the crowd over. Tell Fr. Bondy I've fixed up the living room & dining room — nice yellow walls with multi colored drapes. Fr. Bondy gave me orders when I left Toronto & I'm pleased to announce by begging that the job is done. Now we're going to show it off.

Fr. Rush is going to be here for the summer. He got two air conditioners

Francis E. Monaghan
May 26, 1954

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donated by his friends so we are certain he'll not see Paris this Spring. By the way I was invited by a millionaire family to go to Europe for three months. I declined. The Leland Andersons are going to boat it over & tour the Isles and Contiennt & they wanted a chaplain.

In case the thought ever crosses your mind I'm very happy here. The work is much different than the Sem. & much harder. All you do is make reports from morning till night. (I have a secretary)

Give my best to Fr. Orsini. I hope he will become a General Councillor this summer. Rumors have it in Houston <Lee> Higgins will be the new General. Just drop that casually among the curial Fathers & watch them sit up. Other possible Councillors beside Orsini (Sem) include Conway (High Schools), Flahiff (Inst.), Shook (Colleges), Collins (Missions) & T.A. <MacDonald> for parishes.

Say hellor to your fellow professors. Come see us and stay as long as you can. Tell them all are welcome, everyone. Take care of yourself — eat lots of raw meat & dinrk lots of water.

As ever in Our Lord

F.M.

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E. Arthur Roberts
John L. Kraus
July 1954

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Dear Father

The Library staff at Strawberry Island
— now reduced to common labor (painting
and house painting) wishes to extend
its heartiest congratulations on the
occasion of your election as Secretary
General of our Community.

Art Roberts
J. Kraus

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the Basilian Fathers)

J. Francis Boland
July 7, 1954

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St. Mary's Rectory
100 Young St.
Ottawa, Canada
July 7

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on your election. There is no morning paper here, so the pastor gets the Montreal Gazette and it had a nice write-up on the appointments as well as a few sentences on the possibility of a union with the French Fathers.

Some time ago I asked Vic Brezik to send me a master sheet of appointments but because of the change in secretary-generals I want to be on the safe side in asking you.

It's amazing the way the priests here know Fr. McCorkell; everyone has a good word for him and the Community is certainly respected and admired through his good example.

Thanking you in advance,

In Christ

Frank Boland

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E. Blake Coll
September 21, 1954

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The Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street East
Calgary, Canada
Sept. 21, 1954

Dear Bob:

Glad to hear from the home front. First news we had of Fr. Bondy's illness. Hope it is not serious. Sounds more painful than dangerous. I imagine your new position places restrictions on things you can talk about.

Heard that isolated places like ours are laughingly referred to as the "out-houses of the Order". Hope you will not use the expression in the new "Annals".

Fr. Coyle's mother was the only death during the past year, and I see you have it listed. I make the enrollment as approximately as we have some fluctuation at this time. I believe it to be fairly accurate as regards grades 9-12. Grades 7-8 are also in the school but are lay taught entirely. Thus I do not count them. I am still very interested in the scholastic group treating of educational subjects. Would like to know just what they are doing this year.

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September 21, 1954

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Just finished a Regional Conference of Christian Doctrine here embracing the four western provinces. Both <Bob> Finn and I were speaking at it. You know the old rule "Never leave a Basilian lay."

Best regards to all

Blake.

P.S. Hope this covers the subject. If not just drop a line.

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E. Blake Coll
November 1, 1954

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The Basilian Fathers
1818 First Street East
Calgary, Canada
November 1, 1954

Dear Bob:

Forgive the long delay in answering your last letter. Much work is going on here.

Fr. Coyle is no longer with the Air Force, hasn't been for almost a year. A permanent chaplain has taken over there. No one has replaced Fr. Mallon at the Navy. I believe such a suggestion must come from Ottawa through Toronto, that was the procedure the last time. Fr. Purcell has an Air Force Station, though he serves as civilian chaplain, no uniform.

Fr. Whelihan's foot-ball team has just ended the second undeafed season with the city high school championship. They play Friday night against St. Joseph's of Edmonton for the inter-city crown. That's the closest to provincial honors that we have here so far, though Lethbridge wants admission to the league and play-off opportunities. No word from Vin homson lately, not since he left here*for Lethbridge.

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November 1, 1954

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Hope the educational committee are meeting and inspiring the young. Some of us old fellows would like to see the replacements arriving. Fr. McCorkell once gave us a pep-talk about "holding the line". I believe in the better armies they relieve the front line troops now and then, if only to issue new equipment. I would welcome some new weapons and training in using them. Everyone is well here, the climate must have something to do with it. We had cold, bad weather for a bit, but now the Indian summer seems content to stay. I hope for the winter.

Yours

Blake.

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Walter W. Scott
October 13, 1954

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St. Thomas High School
Athletic Department
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston 7, Texas
October 13, 1954

Dear Father Scollard,

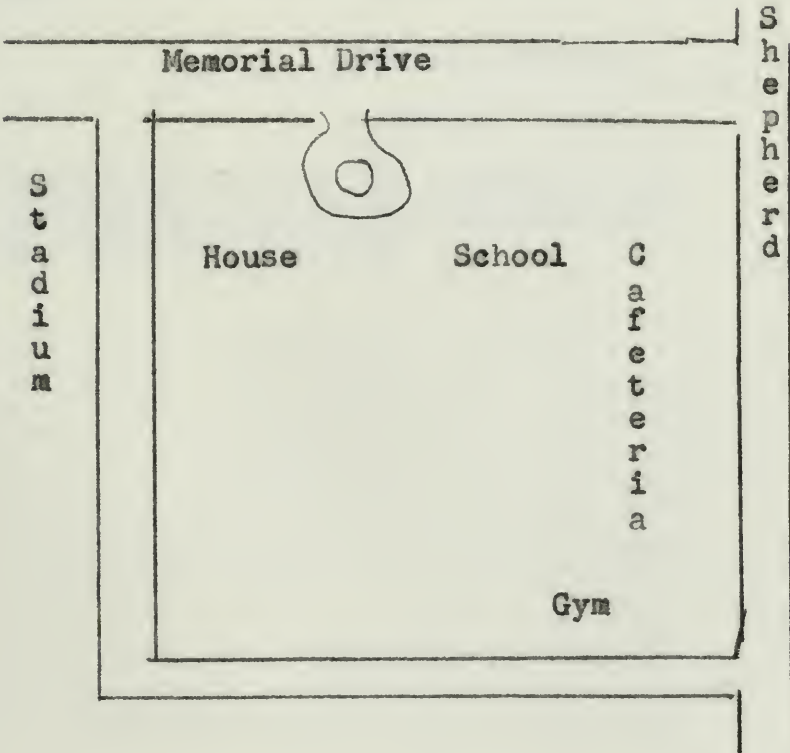
Thanks for the congratulations. Yes, the University of Houston standards have risen sharply since some who were here years ago left. I learned very much and put in many hours of hard work, so feel rather indignant toward anyone looking down on a Master's from that institution. There is probably no other school in the country which gives so great an opportunity to working people and married people to get degrees or other work they somehow missed in their earlier years. St. Thomas has many friends on the faculty there, and they have always been most co-operative in helping us when they could.

Enough of this raving though. Yes, the Sodality is the same as Friday Benediction and sermon. I believe Father Allnoch's title was changed because technically it is not a sodality. The entire school attends, and there is not any enrolling in in any organized group.

Walter W. Scott
October 13, 1954

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The extension of Memorial Drive will not affect the entrance to St. Thomas to any extent. Previously, our front drive was the extension of Memorial. Now there will be two entrances from Memorial, one into the circular drive between the school and residence, and another into the school road between the residence and football field.



Walter W. Scott
October 13, 1954

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Sorry to hear about Fr. McGuire. Please give him my regards.

All here (except, of course, Fr. O'Rourke) are fine. You will probably be able to get some idea of our activities from the Eagle, which comes out Friday.

I had better get down to correcting exams — report cards go out this week-end.

Yours in Christ,

Walter Scott

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Michael J. Oliver
October 19, 1954

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Basilian Fathers
4620 West Second Avenue
Vancouver 8, B.C.
Oct. 19. 1954.

Dear Father Scollard,-

Father Carr has asked me to answer your letter.

The official position of Father Carr in the U.B.C.: In the Dpt. of Classics, Special Lecturer. The course: Beginners' Latin. Four hours a week. 40 students. Two groups of students, making 8 hrs. a week. In the Dept. of Philosophy and Psychology: Special Lecturer. The course: Thomas Aquinas. three hours (3 students). Total eleven hours a week.

The official position of Fathers <Jas.> Hanrahan in the Dept. of History, Lecturer. The course: Institutions and Ideas of the Middle Ages. Time 3 hours a week. Students, 5. Also in Canadian History 6 discussion groups, in all 140 students. Time 3 hours a week. Also correcting papers of students in a survey course in mediaeval history.

The Archbishop appointed Father Oliver chaplain of the Newman Club and Newman Alumni a year ago.

Michael J. Oliver
October 19, 1954

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This year there are 584 Catholics at U.B.C. which is an increase of 24 over last year. There were 150 who paid the \$2.50 fee last year at the Newman Club. The fee in the Newman Alumni is \$3.00.

Yours sincerely in Christ

M.J. Oliver, C.S.B.

The Reverend R. Scollard, C.S.B.
95 St. Joseph St., Toronto 5.

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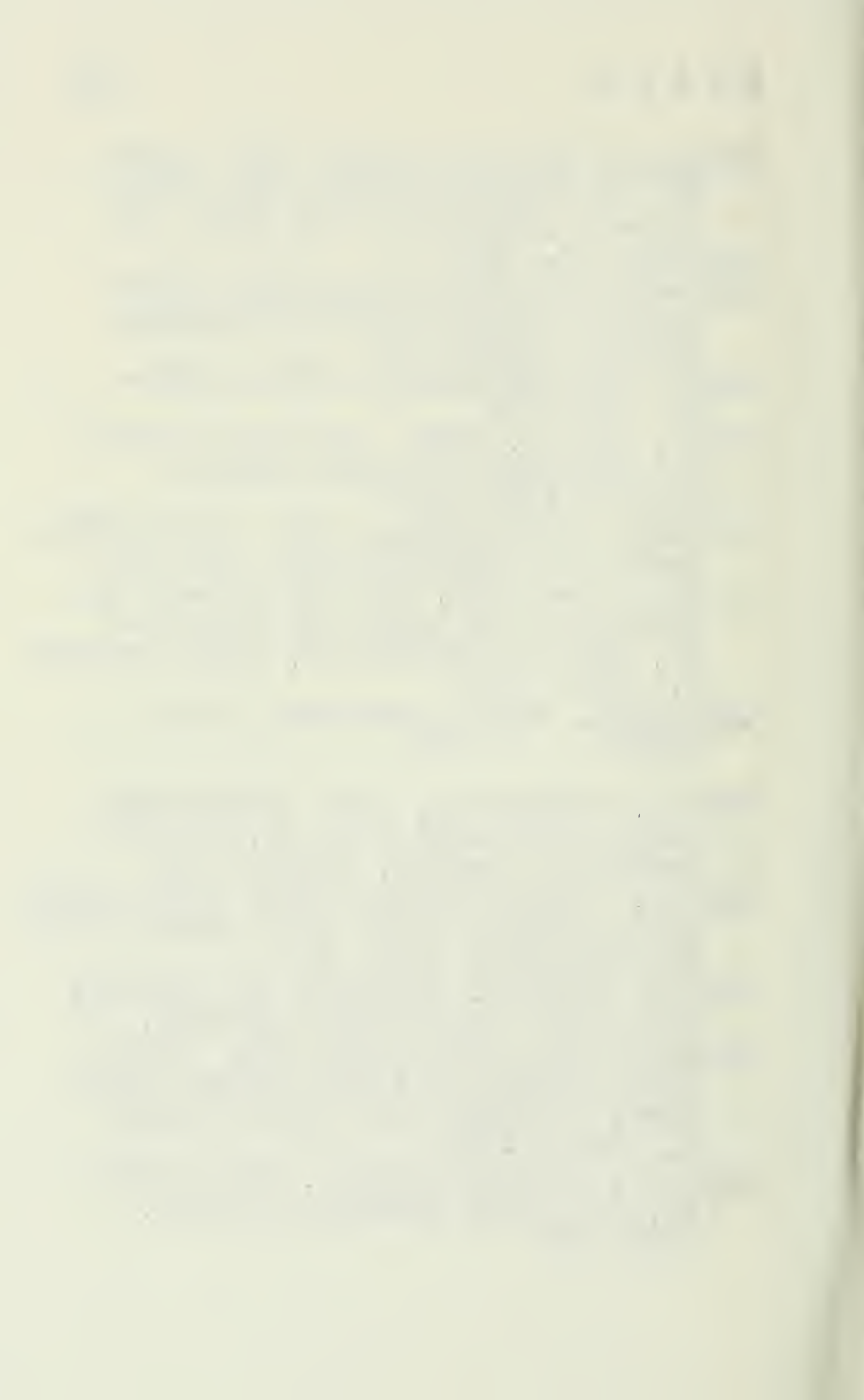
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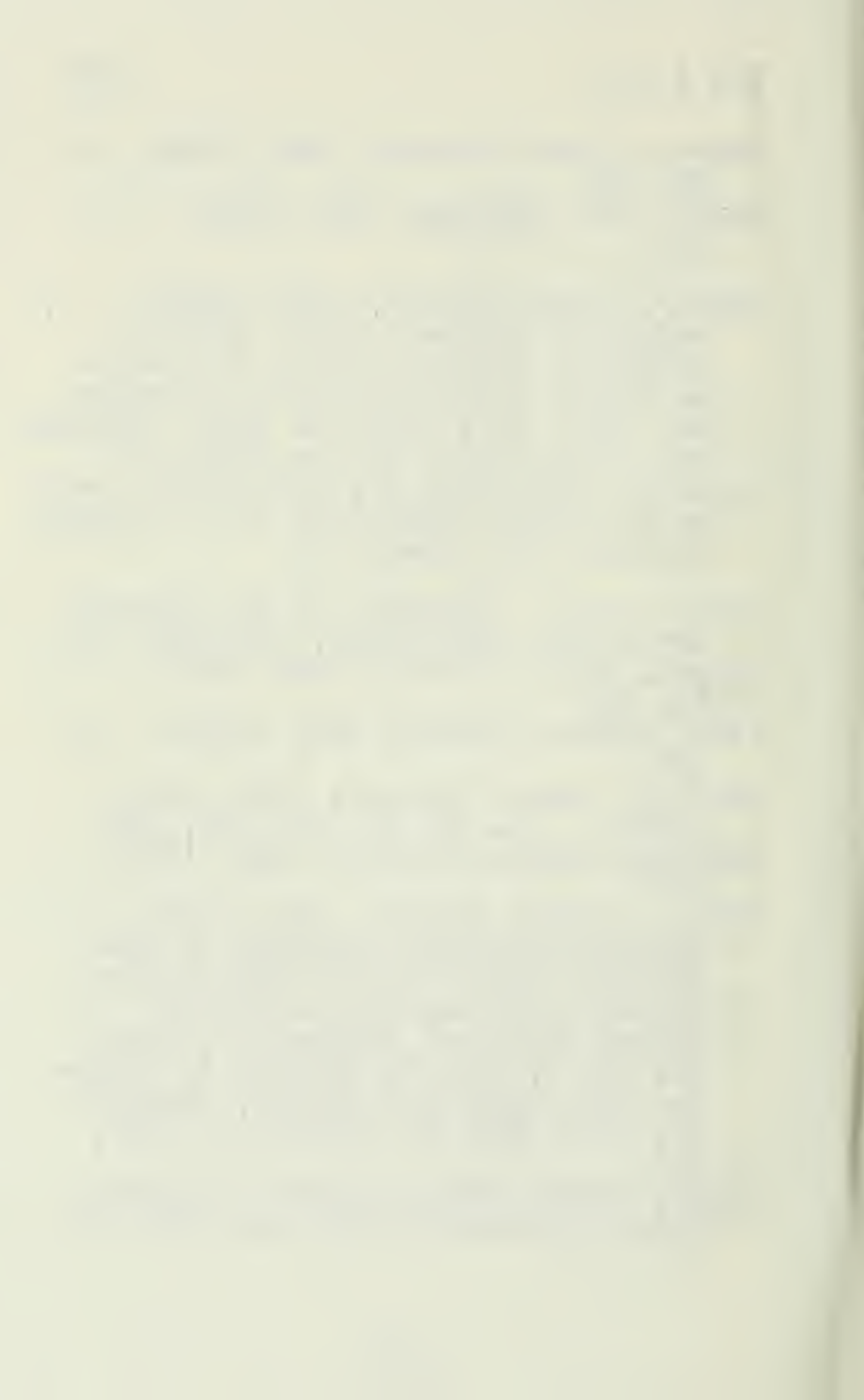
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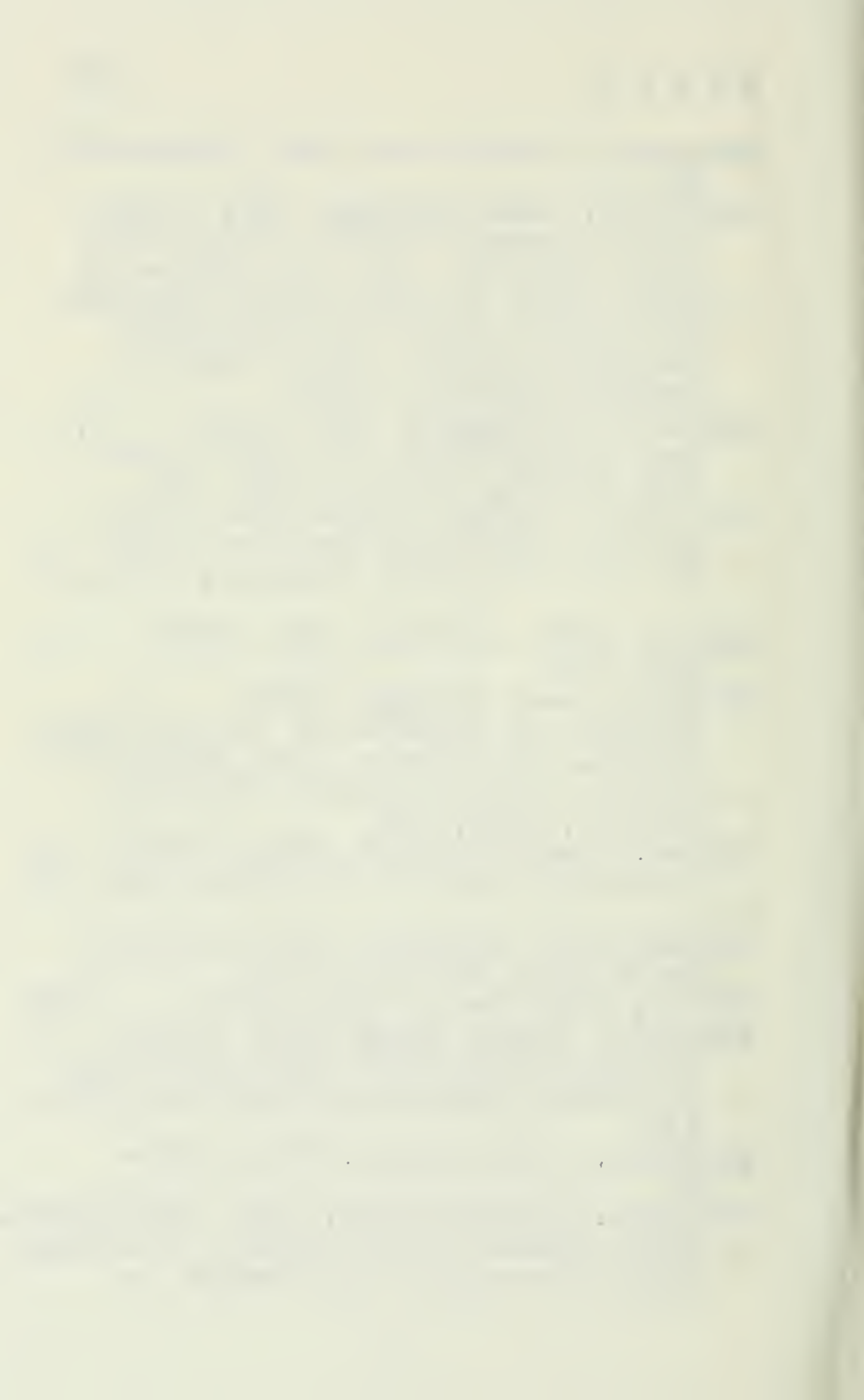
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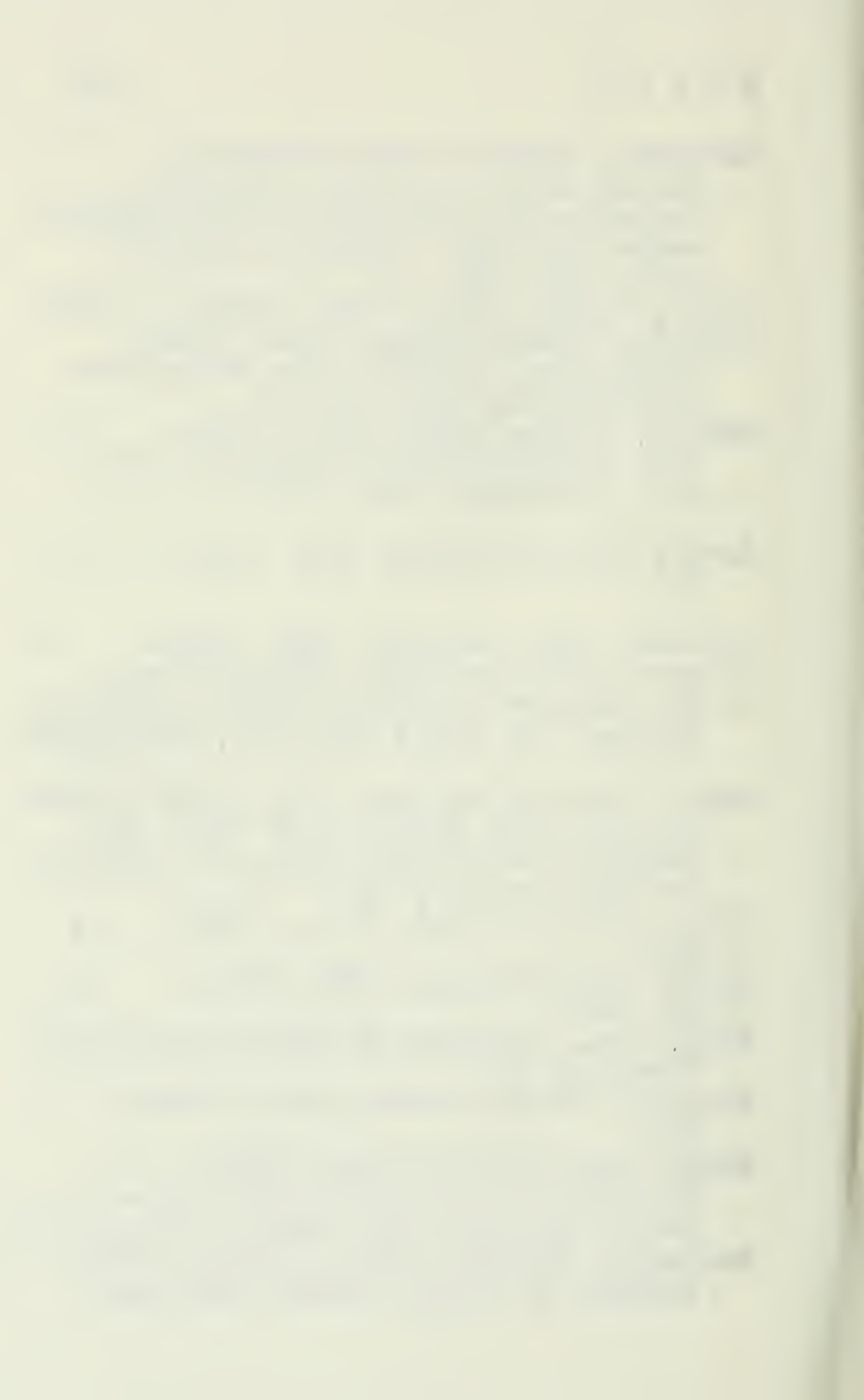
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